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Board reverses position on natural river designation

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Over 20 concerned citizens attended the September Frederic Township Board meeting to discuss the support the Board had given for the designation of natural river for the Upper Manistee River at their August meeting.

Jeff Kea, chief spokesman for the group, first gave a short history of the attempts to designate the river as either wild and scenic or natural. He said the federal government tried to designate it as wild and scenic in the early 1980's. After that failed, in the 1990's the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) started trying to get the river designated as a natural river. He said in the late 90's when they tried again, 45 townships in six counties opposed the designation.

Kea said the designation is not about protection, it's about control, and the DNR will have all of the control.

In August, Joe Kutkuhn told the Board the designation would have no effect on local control.

After listening to the comments of various audience members, members of the Board admitted they had made a mistake by agreeing to support the proposed designation without hearing from both sides and doing some research.

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Where have all the planters gone?

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Residents, business owners and visitors may be wondering just what happened to all the planters along the sidewalks of uptown Grayling. Last week, work began on the sidewalks of Michigan Avenue to remove the planters and fill the holes with cement.

Inmates from Camp Lehman performed the majority of the work.

City Manager Allen Lowe said he received complaints about the planters, ranging from how ugly they were to the problems they caused during snow removal each winter, to complaints they were creating a hazard to those on foot.

While some businesses maintained the planters in front of their establishments, the majority of the planters were neglected, overgrown with weeds, collecting litter and serving as ashtrays. All of the planters' wood timbers were water-logged and rotting.

Lowe said the city agreed to provide more money for expanded snow removal and provide some funding if Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), who installed the old planters more than 10 years ago, would provide prices for new, removable planters and plants/flowers.

Lowe said the new planters could be placed each spring and replanted, then removed each fall before the snow flies.

Lowe said he is also looking to

GUDA for some ideas to spruce up the area. He is suggesting the application of some special concrete that looks like masonry, stone or pavers, but needs less maintenance over the years. The special concrete wouldn't become displaced like the real thing and create walking hazards.

GUDA president, Bill Gannon, said his organization has been concerned for four or five years regarding snow removal and the safety of those using the sidewalks to access uptown businesses. GUDA also wished to make the area handicap accessible for those in wheelchairs.

Gannon said a joint meeting between the city, county road commission, city police and others earlier this year was very fruitful and created a spirit of cooperation regarding the snow removal and sidewalk safety issues.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to move forward to make the city walkways cleaner, safer and look nicer," Gannon said. "It makes sense to build on the synergy in this community."

Gannon said he would like to work something out with Grayling Promotional Association (GPA), whose mission is to make Grayling attractive to visitors, and Gail Madsen, who is currently working on the city's streetscape project.

"The city administrators are very interested in beautification," Gannon said. "And, they went out of their way to help on this issue."



Michigan Avenue is looking a little different these days. All of the old planters have been removed and replaced with cement. The City of Grayling and a local business owners group is working together to possibly replace the planters next spring with removable ones. Absence of the planters will allow snow removal from curb to curb, creating a safer walking experience.

Court reduces jury duty service time

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

There was a time when a citizen was called for jury duty, he or she could expect to be "on call" for a 90-day period. Because of a recently completed year-long analysis by court administration, the 46th Circuit Trial Court has reduced jury duty to 10-day periods.

Beginning November 1, citizens in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties will no longer be summoned for a 30-day term of service, changed from 90 days by the Court upon its unification in 1996.

Trial Court Administrator Rudi Edel said citizens may be happy to learn that once they are called in for prospective jury selection, even if they are not selected to serve on the jury, their jury duty obligation is satisfied for 12 months. The 10-day service period will also help some people who would like to serve on a jury, but whose daily obligations may not allow them to be on-call for 30 days at a time.

The 10-day period rule would only be extended if a trial and deliberations went beyond 10 days. These cases are very rare within the 46th Circuit Trial Court system.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis stated on behalf of the Court, "Hopefully this change will make jury service even more convenient for the citizens of the tri-county Circuit and allow more people to participate in this very important civic responsibility."

State budget could be hit or helped if ballot proposals pass November 5

► Tobacco money, arbitration, straight ticket voting, sewer funding all on ballot

by Breanna Shepherd
Capital News Service

LANSING -- On November 5, Michigan voters will decide on four ballot proposals that would affect the state's budget for better or worse.

Three of the issues in the proposals are causing a stir -- tobacco money spending and binding arbitration for state employees because of their impact on the budget, and straight-ticket voting because it would change the voting process.

The fourth proposal would provide local governments money for sewage and water pollution projects.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the tobacco proposal would require that 90 percent of the \$300 million a year in tobacco settlement money go to health programs.

Currently, about 25 percent of the settlement is spent on health and the majority is spent on the Michigan Merit Award Program. This program awards scholarships to high school students who do well on their MEAP tests. The scholarship would be eliminated if the proposal

passed and if another source of funding isn't used.

Between 2000 and 2002, Crawford AuSable Schools had 170 students take advantage of the Merit scholarship program, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

"The bottom line of the tobacco initiative is: Is the money going to go where they say it's going to go?" said Gary Henderson, chief of staff for Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City).

Henderson said because most of the health organizations are private, they wouldn't be subject to oversight by a governmental body or freedom of information rules, and therefore, could spend the money any way they chose and nothing could be done about it.

He added that by changing the state constitution, voters would be ensuring the same amount of money for health care every year, even if the costs or needs for health care decreased.

"I can't anticipate that health care needs and costs aren't going to continue to rise," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Hospital of Grayling.

Riemer-Matuzak said even as the cost of treating smoking related illness increases, the amount the hospital is reimbursed by insurance has gone down.

In Crawford County alone, \$1.2 million in hospital charges were rung up, but only \$665,000 was reimbursed by insurance. That leaves the hospital to foot the bill for much of the treatment costs, Riemer-Matuzak said.

Michigan currently spends \$28 million a year on smoking cessation and prevention programs, said David Waymire, member of People Protecting Kids and the Constitution, an organization chaired by Sen. Joe Schwartz (R-Battle Creek).

Waymire said he opposes this proposal because "it hands over money to special-interest groups to spend as they see fit."

According to a memo from the Senate Fiscal Agency, the binding arbitration proposal would create a constitutional right for state employees to bargain as a group, for pay increases or other compensation issues. The agreement reached would be binding without the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

Right now, contracts are negotiated between the Office of the State Employer, the chief hiring agency in Michigan, and the union, said Mary Ettinger, president of UAW Local 6000 in Lansing.

She explained that in the event of a disagreement, an independent

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GMS cookout for those who keep county safe



On September 11, over 30 representatives of the various police, fire, emergency responders and members of the military, both current and veterans, came to Grayling Middle School to enjoy a cookout with the students. The organizers, members of the "combo" team who work with all of the GMS students, wanted to students to have an opportunity to meet and thank the people who help keep them safe. A member of the team said they were unable to connect with some groups and were sorry to have missed them, but they were happy with the large turnout.

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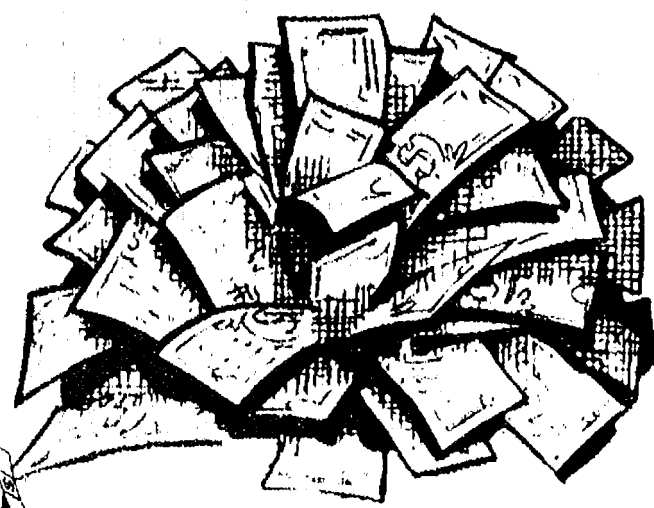
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AuSable River gets annual cleanup



Susan Welch and daughter Sally Welch-Wojak participate in the cleanup for the second consecutive year. Meanwhile, Jacqui Tollis, is participating in the cleanup for the eighth time.



by Susan Warrington
 Staff Writer

About 200 people met at Gates AuSable Lodge on Saturday morning, September 7, to participate in the eighth annual cleanup of the river. The cleanup, sponsored by the Anglers of the AuSable is always held the first Saturday after Labor Day.

The crowd was broken up into small groups of four to six and the small groups were assigned various stretches of the North Branch, the South Branch and the mainstream of the AuSable River. The mainstream is usually cleaned from

Burton's Landing to Townline Road, but this year, for the first time, the mainstream was cleaned down to McMasters Bridge. The new stretch was cleaned by people in wetsuits who pulled a lot of metal debris off the bottom of the river.

The other stretches of the river were cleaned by people wading the stream looking for debris which had either sunk to the bottom or gotten caught along the edges of the stream. Debris was also found on the riverbanks and along the trails and roads near the river.

Each team was out for about two hours cleaning their assigned

stretch. Those teams that didn't find a lot of trash brought their bags of trash back to the dumpster at Gates. Those who found lots of trash left the bags for the trailing riverboats to pick up. By the end of the cleanup, a 10 yard dumpster was nearly full.

The volunteers, who ranged in age from 5 to 75, came from all over the Midwest.

Lunch was provided for the cleanup crew at Gates where friendships were made and renewed.

For more information or to volunteer to participate in the cleanup next year, call Rusty Gates at (989) 348-8462.

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party, the arbitrator, is called upon to resolve differences. The contract then goes to the Civil Service Commission for approval.

Under the current constitutional provisions, the commission can choose to agree with the arbitrator or make changes to the contract. The union then has no way of rejecting changes made by the commission and this is what they are seeking to change, Ettinger said.

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The Senate Fiscal Agency has estimated that the proposal could result in \$30 million to \$60 million in additional salary costs each year.

Matt Resch, deputy press secretary for Gov. John Engler, said the proposal would take the ability to sign contracts out of the hands of an elected civil servant, and put it into the hands of someone whose only priority is the contract -- not other

financial obligations the state has to meet.

The result is over-generous contracts that cost the state a lot of money in salary increases, he contended.

Ettinger said she believes the proposal could save the state money because it could allow state workers to get contracts that would otherwise go to private companies, and state workers could do the same jobs at a lower cost.

The straight-party ticket proposal would eliminate the current voter option to cast one vote covering all candidates, in one party only, on the ballot.

Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) said straight-party ticket voting should be eliminated to encourage voters to take their time and look over the entire ballot.

He added many voters cast a straight-party vote and skip the non-partisan section, which includes judicial candidates and ballot proposals.

Ben Kohnman, director of communications for the Michigan Democratic Party, said approval of the proposal would cause long lines at the polls because the ballot would take longer to read over.

He added he thinks fewer people will vote on the bottom, nonpartisan section of the ballot because they will have taken too much time at the top.

The sewage and water pollution proposal, already signed by the governor, would require the state to borrow up to \$1 billion to be put into a fund. Communities would then apply for low-interest loans from the fund to fix sewers and clean up their bodies of water. They would pay off the loans and the money would go back into the revolving fund.

That proposal would have no impact on state spending next year and could cost each Michigan taxpayer an average of \$334, or \$11 per year over a period of 30 years, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

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They then proceeded to rescind their support and go on record opposing the designation.

The following evening, Grayling Township also voted to oppose the designation of the Manistee River as a natural river.

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DNR moves gates at Rayburn property

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

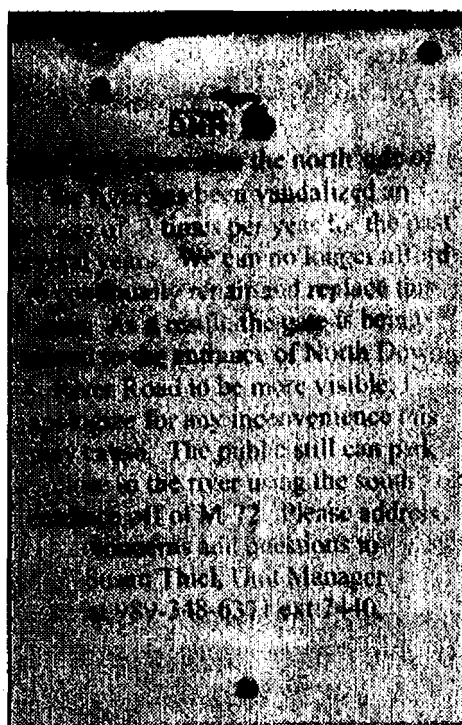
When the Rayburn Estate was given to the state, it was with the stipulation that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would protect the river corridor to a distance of 350 feet. With this in mind, gates were put up near those limits to prevent vehicular traffic. The bridge was built to handle only pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and the path was upgraded to make foot and bicycle travel easier.

A few people found this to be too great an inconvenience and decided the gates should not be there. Their solution was to damage the gates or cut down trees to get around the gates, and pull up posts in their way.

Susan Thiel, Unit Manager of the Forest Management Division said the damage has been occurring three to four times a year for the last six years. She said, it was no longer feasible or affordable to continually replace the damaged equipment.

One solution to the problem would have been to place a permanent barrier, such as huge boulders across the trail, but this would have limited access to the river in an emergency. The simplest solution was to move the north gate close to North Down River Road.

Thiel said it was too bad the actions of a few have ruined easy access for a lot of people. However, she added, the south gate has not yet had to be moved so people who can't handle the longer walking distance on the north side can still enjoy the area by entering from M-72.



The gate restricting vehicular access to Rayburn has been moved closer to North Down River Road to try to decrease the vandalism.

Carl Levin attends gathering in Grayling

U.S. Senator Carl Levin was the keynote speaker at a recent gathering of northern Michigan Democrats at the Grayling Holiday Inn. He told the approximately 270 attendees, the country was united in strength against terrorism.

He said the party was also interested in a strong economy, and he recommended a way to solve the problem of corporate executives' platinum parachutes.



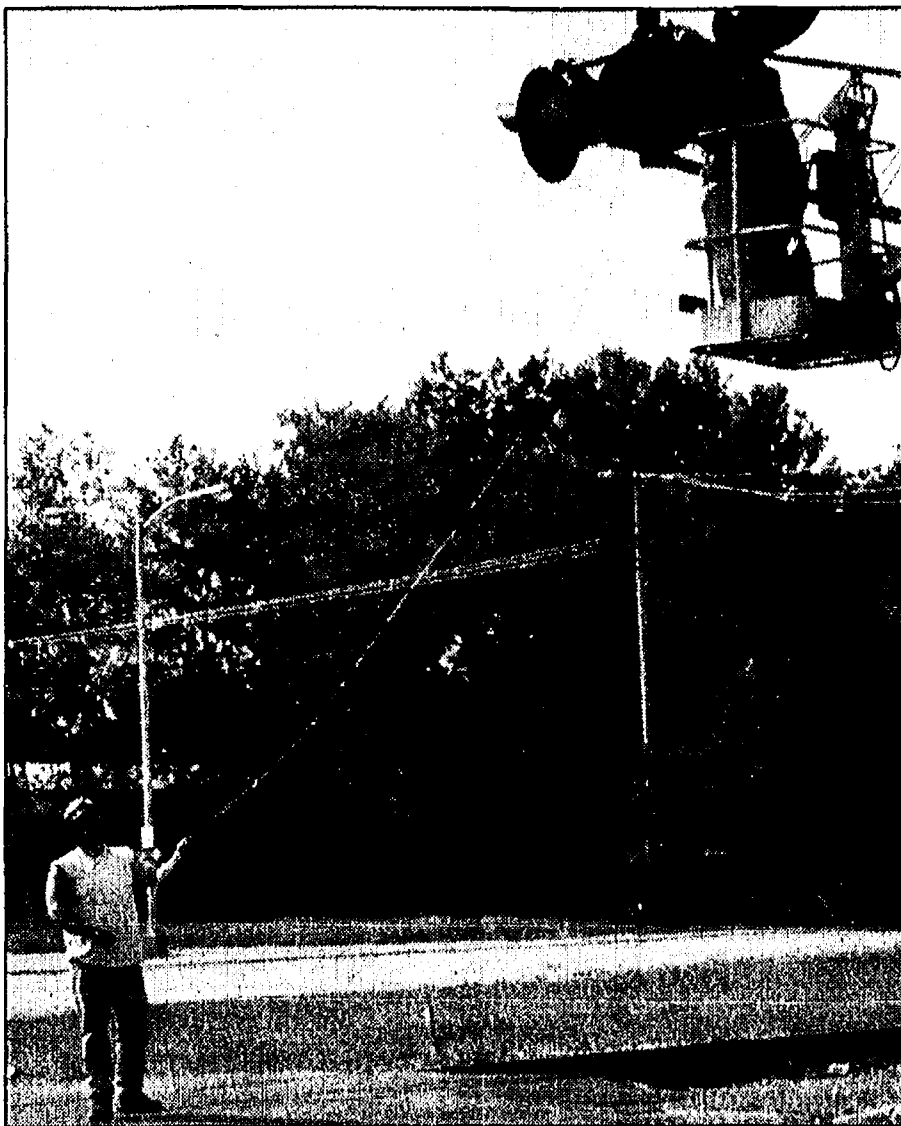
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Railroad crossing now in compliance



Workers contracted by Lake State Railroad finished putting up new larger flashers and took down the old flasher on the west side of the Michigan Avenue crossing so the system is once again in compliance. When the second set of tracks was removed, the old signal on the west side was too far away from the tracks, so a new signal had to be installed. Since they had to put in a new signal, the state told the railroad to put up new, larger signals on the east side of the crossing.

Weeklong training will close some libraries

► Lovells branch library to remain open for regular business hours

All libraries in the Crawford County Library system will close September 30 to October 4 -- with the exception of the Lovells Township Library -- to allow staff members to receive training on a new computerized circulation system and catalog.

"Our new computer system will allow patrons to renew materials or place holds from an Internet connected computer," explained Director Edward Elsner. "Instead of only being able to access our collection, library patrons will also gain access to the collections of Petoskey, Alpena, Charlevoix and Cheboygan."

Elsner said library card holders will be able to place holds on items at any of these libraries from any

computer -- including from home -- and pick them up in Grayling.

Two of three branch libraries will also close during the training period: Beaver Creek and Frederic branches. The Lovells Township Library will remain open for its regular business hours.

"Our three branch locations will also start automating as a result of this project," Elsner said. "One library card will be all that is needed to check items out (from many different libraries)."

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

World is full of strange things besides politics

THE ALMANACK has tended to concentrate on Michigan's strange and exciting political year lately, completely ignoring the fact that the world is full of other strange happenings, too.

From reading the newspapers, here are a few examples:

In Santa Monica, CA last spring, one elementary school decided kids no longer could play tag during recess.

It's dangerous, officials said, plus it might hurt kids' self esteem.

Flag football also was outlawed at this school because of the bumps, cuts and bruises, but both tag and flag football can be played on the school yard under the supervision of physical education teachers.

They're right on the danger part. I remember as a kid needing stitches for a gash in the head after I fell during a furious game of Pom Pom Pullaway -- another game of run and catch somebody.

The only way to protect children from all harm is to keep them in a locked padded room both day and night, and even then somehow they'll find a way to get hurt.

Growing up itself is a dangerous adventure.

But as for tag causing lowered self esteem ... that's questionable.

Mingling with other people at any age usually winds up bruising one's self esteem in some way, at some time or another.

Being picked as "it" in a game of tag when all the kids run from you so they won't be caught probably doesn't harm self image as much as never getting picked at all. That's probably a worse case of peer isolation. It means nobody likes you enough to make you "it."

A case of overprotection? A bit -- and for the wrong reasons, too.

STRANGE SENTENCE -- In Painesville, OH earlier this year, a man who called a police officer a pig received a strange sentence.

He climbed into a special pig pen next to a 350 pound live real pig on a downtown sidewalk for two hours during a busy lunchtime period. A sign declared, "This is not a police officer."

"I made a mistake, a now I'm sorry and I'm paying for it," the prisoner said during a speech from the special pig pen.

The judge decided on the strange sentence instead of jail time after the man pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He admitted using the word "pig" while shouting obscenities in a confrontation with a city police officer.

The judge's innovative sentence seems apt and probably effective. The man in the pig pen probably won't call a cop a pig again.

STRANGE SUIT -- Back in California again, an upset father filed a lawsuit because his son was cut from his high school basketball team.

When the student confronted the varsity coach, he was cut from the junior varsity team as well.

The father wants \$1.5 million in damages. He said he calculated the figure based on potential wages his son will lose from a possible pro basketball career. Oh, yes. Dad also wanted the coach fired.

Bad as it is, the California law suit is a better way for obsessive parents to vent anger than what happened in Michigan last spring.

A different irate father, upset that his twin sons were benched in the second game of a double header, picked up a couple of aluminum bats and took out after the Hemlock High School baseball coach.

That father ended up in court, too, but as the defendant in a criminal assault case rather than as plaintiff in a civil damages suit.

The California case is so ridiculous it's almost funny. The Michigan case is downright sad, and a disturbing comment on our times.

STRANGE KISS -- During an Australian Rules football match last spring, two players got into a bit of a physical encounter, which is not unusual. What happened next, however, was.

Damien Davies restrained his fists and instead kissed his antagonist on the cheek. He received a misconduct charge anyway.

"I was going to hit him, but I just grabbed him by the back of the head and pulled his head toward me to kiss him on the cheek," Mr. Davies explained.

The recipient, Josh Bennett, said the kiss surprised him.

"I was a bit worried about catching something and I wiped it (saliva) off my cheek pretty quickly," he said.

Officials found no precedent for this sort of situation, but one official commended Mr. Davies.

"I'd rather have a guy up on a charge of pecking somebody on a cheek than decking them with a fist," said tribunal official David O'Leary. "The tribunal took this into account and his previous good record, and gave him a rap across the knuckles."

Maybe world leaders ought to try this kiss-on-the-cheek approach rather than the fist-to-the-chops method for solving international dust ups. It might save lives.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Booster mom says band's plate is full

To the editor,

As a former Viking Band Booster President, I would like to take a moment to explain the commitment a student gives to band.

On the middle school level, work is tough and rigorous, but as I once told my daughter when she joined band, "High school band separates the men from the boys/women from the girls! If you think your GMS schedule is demanding, you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

As she progressed through high school the class became a personal commitment as well as goal setting and personal discipline. This was only part of the benefits she came away with.

I'm not sure if a non-band parent or the community at large has any idea what being a member of the GHS Viking Band entails. Please refer to the following required event dates the students do outside of their scheduled class time. (I'm talking Saturday, Sunday and evenings.)

September 4 - Mandatory Practice at GHS, 5-8 p.m.; September 6 - Houghton Lake Football Home; September 17 - Mandatory Practice at GHS, 6-9 p.m.; September 20 - Standish Football Home; September 27 - Bay City John Glenn Football Home; October 4 - Hillman Football Home, Homecoming Parade; October 8 - Mandatory Practice at GHS 5-8 p.m.; October 14 - Marching Band Exposition Trip; October 18 - Ogemaw Heights Football Home; October 25 - Tawas Football Home; October 31 - Halloween Parades (during school day); November 4

through February 4, 2003 - GHS Basketball Pep Band home games (maybe mandatory, plan on attending); December 17 - Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. GHS Auditorium; 2003 - February 18 - Pre-Festival Concert at 7 p.m.; February 21 or 22 - District Band Festival; March 8 - Jazz Exposition in Traverse City; May 14 - Spring Awards Concert; June 6 - Commencement; July 21-22 - Percussion/Color Guard Practice, 8-10 a.m. at GMS; July 23-25 - Full Band Rehearsal for AuSable Canoe Marathon; July 26 - AuSable Canoe Marathon Parade at 3 p.m.; July 28 through August 1 - Full Band Camp 8 a.m. to 12 noon at GHS; August 11 and 25 - Full Band Camp 6-8 p.m. at GHS.

(Please note that all the scheduled events for the GHS Band are mandatory classroom activities. They are not now, nor have ever been under the control of the Grayling Viking Band Boosters. The Band Boosters is a support group organized for band students, by parents, to help support the bands with their enormous Calendar of Events, and to aid the directors when called upon.)

Oh, did I mention, most of these students also participate in District Solo and Ensembles in February? District Honors Band Weekend is in December and I am proud to say our school always has a dozen or so band students representing Grayling at the state level.

Some band students will play taps at the Veterans Day Assembly, or perform at Baccalaureate, perform Musical Christmas Carols, the PIT

Band plus the GHS Musicals, to name just some extra, extra activities.

Our GHS Band usually consists of just less than 100 students. An average day for a band student may be homework, jobs or both, plus one of the events listed above.

GHS students are also preparing themselves for the future. ACT/SAT/MEAP testing, classroom studies and extracurricular activities are also a part of these students' daily routines. Yes, some of these band students do other things, too, such as: play sports, Forensics, Debate Club, Yearbook staff, cheerleaders... the list goes on and on.

We can't ask these young men and women to sacrifice any more of their free time. The time spent practicing for a 4th of July parade, (refer to the AuSable Canoe Marathon schedule) and the parade itself, is too much to ask.

Not participating in the 4th of July parade doesn't make them less patriotic. Patriotism during the Veterans Day Assembly at GHS is one of the most moving times I have experienced with high school students. All students, not just band students, are reverent and respectful. It is awesome to witness. If you could see this, you would know that GHS students have a strong commitment to America and the freedom we hold dear.

I hope the community supports and understands these students are outstanding Grayling citizens. And, I, for one, am extremely proud to have been a Viking Band Booster member.

Margaret Knapp
Grayling

Court workers give their view of funding dispute

To the editor,

The undersigned employees of the 46th Circuit Trial Court wish to share our views with our communities and County Commissioners regarding the longstanding funding dispute between the Court and the Crawford County Board. We have remained silent hoping that a resolution would be forthcoming. Our jobs, benefits, and lives in general have been adversely affected by this friction.

In 1996, the 46th Judicial Circuit Court was reorganized under Supreme Court order. This reorganization resulted in the consolidation of all of the separate Court "divisions" in the counties of Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego. This reorganization was part of an ongoing effort to improve court services and streamline operations. Monies were provided by the State to purchase computers and other equipment to assist in meeting this goal.

This consolidation has resulted in considerable savings to all of the three counties involved. According to a Michigan Department of Treasury analysis, and using 1996 as a base year, a savings of \$1,152,429 has resulted in the first five years of the trial court project. The Counties' shares of the savings are noted as follows: Crawford \$263,356; Kalkaska \$465,392; and Otsego \$423,681.

In 1998, a uniform personnel policy was approved and implemented whereby the Court was designated as the single employer of all court employees in all three counties. This was necessary due to considerable variations between divisions and counties.

In 2000, the Court began meeting with the three Boards of Commissioners to work out uniform wage, health care, and retirement benefits for all court employees. As an incentive to establish some type of post-retirement health benefits, the Court agreed to switch to a less expensive prescription policy, with the employees bearing the expense of the additional co-pay. That savings alone totaled \$104,000 in the first 15 months of existence. Court employees also agreed to contribute 1/2% of their annual wage increase to help fund a retirement health care benefit of some type,

This fund would be allowed to grow until 2003 before any benefits would be paid out of it.

An agreement was reached where the Counties would share the savings resulting from the reduced health care benefits with the Court to help establish the "fund." This split would continue yearly with only a minimal 4% increase into the "fund." All three Boards passed motions to adopt this proposal, and Otsego County, as the funding unit for the Court, set up the fund with the agreed-upon amount. Now Crawford County wants to renege on their agreement and do something different with our money.

The other uniform benefit requested was for a MERS B-4 retirement plan. Court employees agreed to give up their yearly longevity pay to help finance this benefit. This proposal is consistent with other employees in Crawford County who are already receiving MERS benefits with an employee contribution. Again in 2000, all three County Boards passed motions authorizing the implementation of this retirement plan. All existing court employee retirement funds for prior years of service were transferred to the new plan.

Crawford County now claims that the Court will bankrupt them with these health care and retirement programs. They are not telling the citizens that a good portion of these programs are funded by savings that the Court has realized for the Counties, and by employee contributions in the form of reduced yearly wage increases, and elimination of longevity payments. The Court has never asked for paid-in-full, post-retirement Blue Cross, only that there be a fund than can be utilized to help retired court workers with medical expenses. If the fund becomes insolvent, it will be dissolved. There is no liability to any of our Counties. There is no way that any of the Counties involved could be bankrupted by these programs.

Once again, the idea of some type of post-retirement health benefit is not new to the Counties. Crawford County has provided other employees with a MERS B-4 retirement plan and paid hospitalization insurance, or matched contributions to a deferred fund to

assist with medical expenses. How come when court employees request the same consideration, it becomes unreasonable? (How many part-time employees do you know who have fully-paid health care plans? The Crawford County Commissioners do, along with other benefits not afforded to other part-time County employees. Is that reasonable?)

Crawford County has refused to sign the agreement with the Court pursuant to their previous commitments to the Court and to Kalkaska and Otsego Counties. (Both Kalkaska and Otsego Counties signed in the fall of 2000.) They would rather spend thousands and thousands of taxpayer dollars in fees to downstate attorneys, as they have done in the past every time contract negotiations being or a labor dispute of any type arises.

Crawford County has been paying the smallest contribution of the three counties to the Court's budget - 24%. In spite of this consideration, they refuse to pay their share, and have reduced the Court's budget significantly while increasing the budgets for the other County departments more than \$213,000. What is their justification for this action?

The undersigned Court employees respectfully request that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners put an immediate end to this dispute, that they stop incurring expensive legal fees, and that they honor their prior commitments. We have, and continue to honor ours.

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadlines for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Travelogue to visit the Holy Lands

The Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program will present its first event of the Travel and Adventure Series, "Israel!" featuring a trip to a place holy to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - Israel on Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$6.50 for students or seniors. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Kirtland hosts Annual College Night

About 40 representatives from various colleges and military organizations will be on hand for College Night on Thursday, September 26 at Kirtland Community College. The evening is designed for high school juniors and seniors and their parents who want to investigate the future. There is no charge for the event scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center. For more information, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 284.

GraceWay Quartet to perform in Higgins

The GraceWay Quartet will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 21 at Higgins Lake Baptist Church. The Quartet performs toe-tappin' upbeat Southern Gospel spirituals to new arrangements of great old hymns. The group released its fourth album last year. Offerings will be taken to cover travel expenses incurred by the group. Higgins Lake Baptist Church is located at the corner of County Road 200 and County Road 201, 1/2 mile east of Old 27 in Higgins Lake. For more information, call (989) 821-5464.

New age classes to begin in Comins

To experience spiritual growth through the study of the spiritual nature of dreams, soul travel and God's protection and guidance, the public is invited to attend a discussion of the book, "Eckankar, The Teachings of the Light and Sound of God." Classes will be held the first and third Fridays beginning September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, 4331 North 1st Street West in Comins. To pre-register or for more information, call (989) 848-2518 or log on to: www.eckankar.org.

Free screening offered to leg pain sufferers

If your legs hurt when you walk, you may be one of the 10 million Americans who have PVD - Peripheral Vascular Disease. Free PVD screenings will be held on September 24, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. For more details and to register, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777 or visit: www.legsforlife.org.

Storytelling event features 'Little House'

This week's SuperSaturday Program at Wellington Farm Park on September 21 will feature the art of storytelling. Visitors will find storytellers scattered throughout the park's buildings and trails, each with "yarns to spin" -- some fact, some fiction. The highlight of the day will be a costumed interpreter portraying children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder, talking about her childhood and reading from her first publication, "Little House in the Big Woods." Wellington Farm Park is located on Military Road south of Four Mile Road in Beaver Creek Township. For more information, call toll-free, 1-888-OLD-FARM or visit Wellington's web site at www.wellington-farmpark.org.

Women's Health Series topic: hormonal changes

Many questions and myths surround women as their bodies go through PMS, Peri-Menopause and Menopause.

To help clear up some of the confusion during these life changes, Mary Seger, NP, PhD, will discuss "A Woman's Life: Is It All Hormonal?" during a presentation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church.

Seger's presentation is part of Otsego Memorial Hospital's 2002 Women's Health Series.

During the session, Seger, who is the director of Integrative Medicine at OMH, will discuss natural approaches for women to handling hormonal changes.

"It's common for women to wonder what is happening to their bodies during PMS, Peri-Menopause and Menopause," Seger said. "This session will allow women to openly address these issues and learn how they can best manage them."

Seger said symptoms of hormonal



Mary Seger, NP, PhD

changes later in life include irritability, hot flashes, night sweats, heart disease, osteoporosis, bleeding abnormalities, fatigue and others.

"All these symptoms can be managed through natural means," Seger said. "Natural approaches to women's hormonal cycle include diet, exercise, supplements, herbs and stress reduction."

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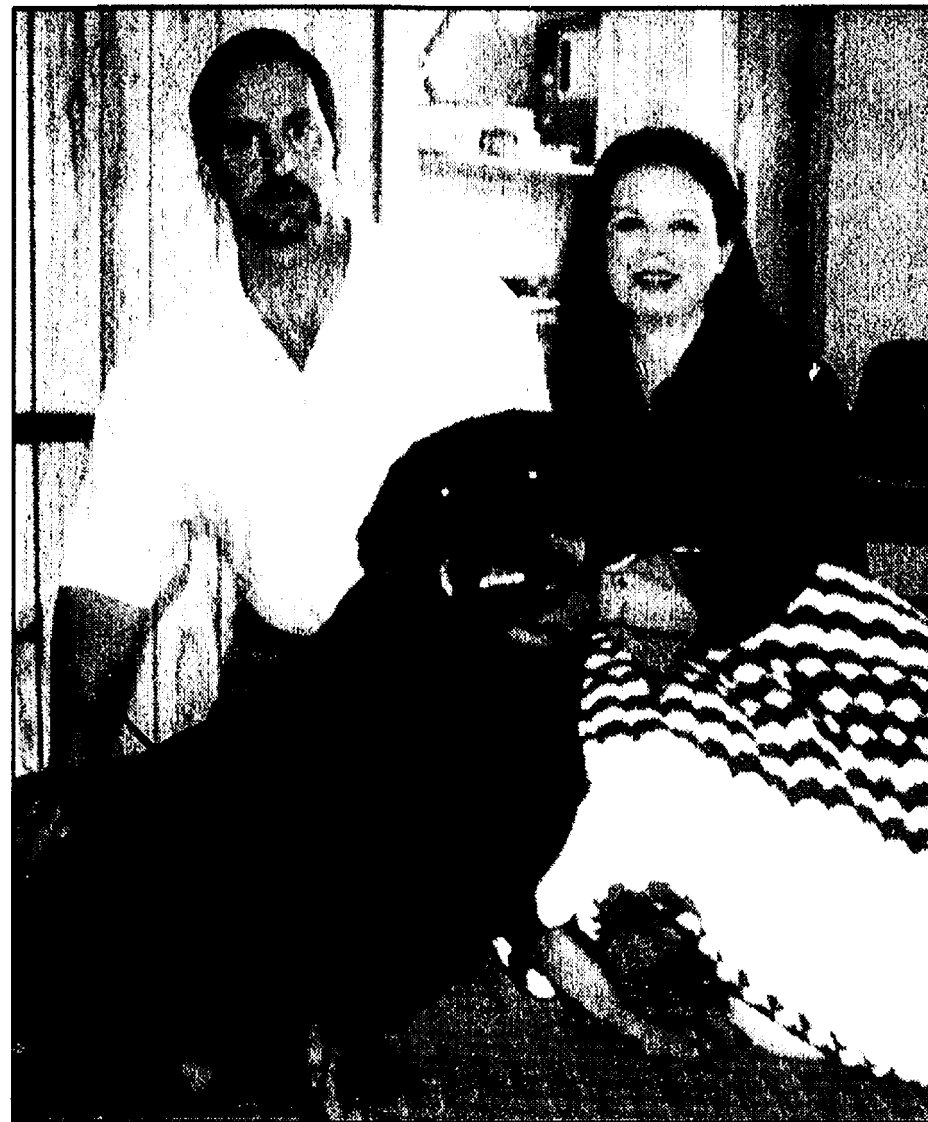
Range firing scheduled during September 18-24 is as follows:

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, mission-firing requirements beyond this time may be authorized by the Post Commander without additional notice to the public. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: September 20-22.

Range 17, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road): September 20-22. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

A warm welcome



New to the community, Lyle and Linda Morgan took little time to begin helping local causes when they purchased All-American Raffle tickets at Riverland Gear, then won the prize of a handmade red, white and blue afghan. All proceeds go to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, which Linda said is one of her favorite causes. The Morgans brought their dog, Jessie, with them to claim their prize on September 11. She was adopted by the couple through a rottweiler rescue group. The shelter currently has a few of this breed looking for new homes.

Award-winning writers highlight fall series

Laura Kasischke, author of several award-winning poetry collections, kicks off the Fall Controlled Burn Reading Series at Kirtland Community College on Wednesday, September 25.

Her works include *Wild Brides*, which won the Elmer Holmes Bobst award for emerging writers, *Housekeeping in a Dream*, winner of the Amy Fay diCastagnola award, *What if it Wasn't*, *Fire & Flower* and *Dance & Disappear*, which won the Juniper Prize for poetry, as well as three novels: *White Bird in a Blizzard*, *Suspicious River* and this year's release, *The Life Before Her Eyes*.

As a student at the University of Michigan, Kasischke won 12 Hopwood Awards for her work.

On October 23, Dan Crocker, the newest member of Kirtland's renowned creative writing staff, reads his work. He is the author of two collections of poetry, *Long Live*

the 2 of Spades and *People Everyday and other Poems*, and a collection of short stories, *Do Not Look Directly into Me*, as well as several chapbooks.

David Dodd Lee concludes the fall series with a reading on November 20. His works include: *Wilderness*, *Downsides of Fish Culture*, and *Arrow Pointing North*, as well as poetry and fiction that have appeared in numerous literary journals.

All Controlled Burn readings are free, and open to the public. They're held at the Conference Center on College Drive. All are preceded by a 4 p.m. question-and-answer session in Room 5 of the Instructional Center and followed by a reception and book signing at the Conference Center.

For more information about the Controlled Burn series, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 220.

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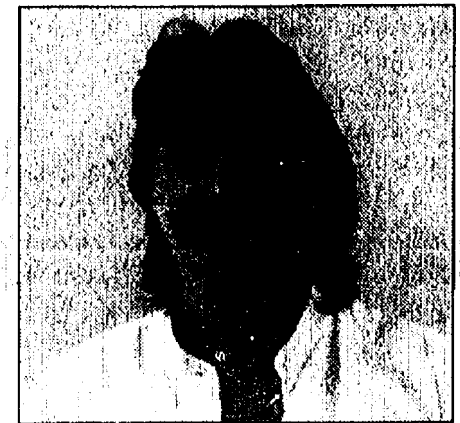
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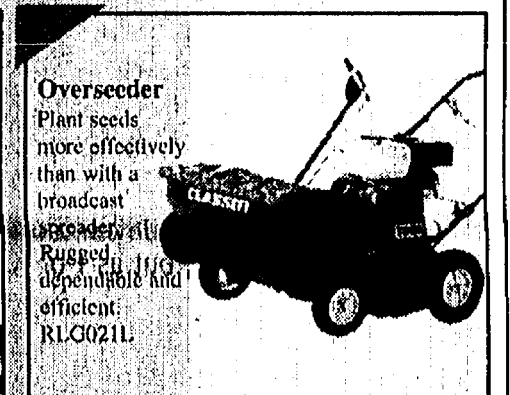
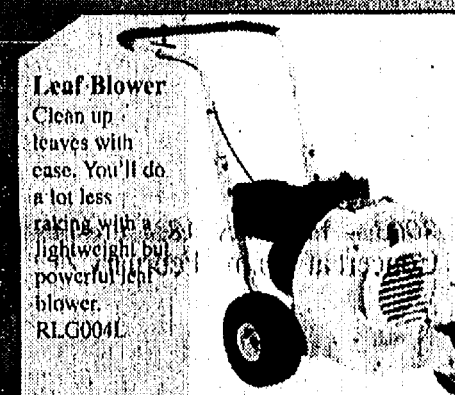
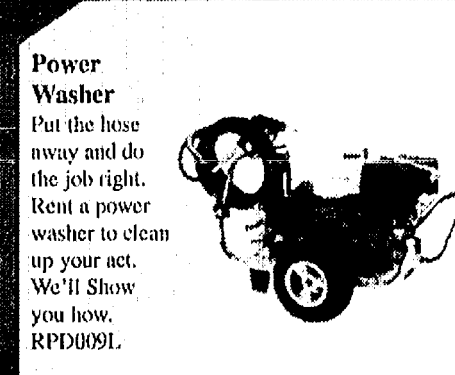
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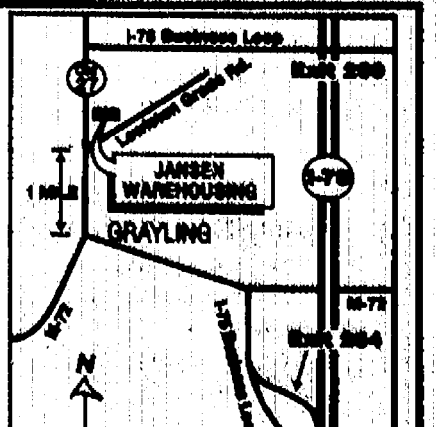
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The Bible Speaks

Oklahoma City Bombing Plot?

James Patterson of the Indianapolis Star wrote an article in April 27, 2002 entitled, "Dying declaration of bombing link." Then on 8/25/02 he wrote another article entitled, "Burton's panel finds links to foreigners in Oklahoma blast." The Government Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana is investigating this new evidence. Committee lawyer Marc Chretien interviewed at least six people who claimed to have seen McVeigh keeping company with foreign-looking men just days and even minutes, before the bombing.

Three professionals, Jayna Davis, David Schippers and Larry Johnson are putting their reputations on the line to share this evidence. Davis worked as a top gun for NBC affiliate KFOR Schippers is a successful Chicago lawyer. Johnson is former deputy director of the State Department's Office of Counter Terrorism. They are declaring that "foreigners — most prominently an Iraqi national — conspired with McVeigh, Nichols and 'others unknown' (as the federal indictment proclaimed) to bring down the federal building killing 168." They believe the Middle Eastern terrorist cell behind Oklahoma City still exists.

They have uncovered evidence that "McVeigh and Nichols conspired with foreign nationals, specifically, a group of Middle Eastern-born men who had moved to Oklahoma City to work for a local property management compa-

ny owned by a Palestinian ex-con in November 1994." "Davis nailed down eyewitnesses who had put McVeigh in a tavern drinking beer four days before the blast with a former Gulf War Iraqi soldier who worked for the property company."

Patterson said, "Davis has amassed 26 sworn affidavits from eyewitnesses who implicate eight Arab men who colluded with McVeigh and Nichols at various stages of the bombing plot; classified intelligence papers proving the U.S. suspected Middle Eastern involvement in the plot and had warned government agencies against a pending attack; as well as court documents, public records and statements from law enforcement officers that independently corroborate the eyewitnesses' testimony."

Back on April 27, 2002 Patterson printed the detailed testimony of Elmina Abdul Angeles who was the widow of the co-founder and field commander of the southern Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf Group. She was asked about Terry Nichols who had married a Filipino wife and had made several trips to the Philippines between 1990 and 1994. Angeles said her husband told her of "an American who he called Terry or the Farmer, and another American whom he did not name." She said, "They met almost every day for one week. They met in an empty bodega (warehouse). They talked about

bombings. They mentioned bombing government buildings in San Francisco, St. Louis, and Oklahoma. The Americans wanted instructions how to make and to explode bombs. They told me that (the late Abu Sayyaf co-founder Abdurajak Abubakar) Janjalani was very interested in paying them much money to explode buildings. The money was coming from Yousef and the other Arab." So maybe the Michigan Militia and Radical Right were not behind this evil as many liberals implied. The truth shall make you free! (Jn. 8:32) Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Lorne Matthews will present "Keyboards for the King," a concert ministry of sacred, classical, southern gospel and hymn arrangements at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 22, at the Grayling Assembly of God Church. The concert is free, however, offerings will be accepted.

Matthews has performed solo for the Congressional Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. He is a former pianist with The Cathedrals, The McDuff Brothers and The Landmark Quartet. He appears daily on the GMT satellite network and also on many of the Gaither Homecoming videos.

For more information, call the Grayling Assembly of God at (989) 348-8885.

Kirtland instructor teaching in China

Kirtland Community College instructor Jim Backlund left August 28 for a five-month tour in China, where he will teach English as a second language to students at Beijing Union University, Kirtland's sister school.

"This is a great opportunity, and I'm really excited about it," said Backlund, an Upper Peninsula native who since 1988 has taught psychology and sociology at Kirtland. "Beijing is a beautiful city with wonderful people."

KCC and BUU have been sister

schools since 1997, when they first signed a cooperative agreement. Since then, the schools have developed an exchange program that has included administrators, faculty and students. In 1999, a Chinese instructor taught at Kirtland. Last spring, two groups, one Kirtland faculty and administrators and another including two KCC students, visited China. Backlund was among the faculty group.

Earlier in August, three dignitaries from BUU visited Kirtland and urged college officials to send

more instructors across the Pacific to help educate students there.

"Hopefully, you can send more teachers to teach in our college," said Sun Ming, BUU president. "Our students are very excited about this, because they want to learn from native (English) speakers."

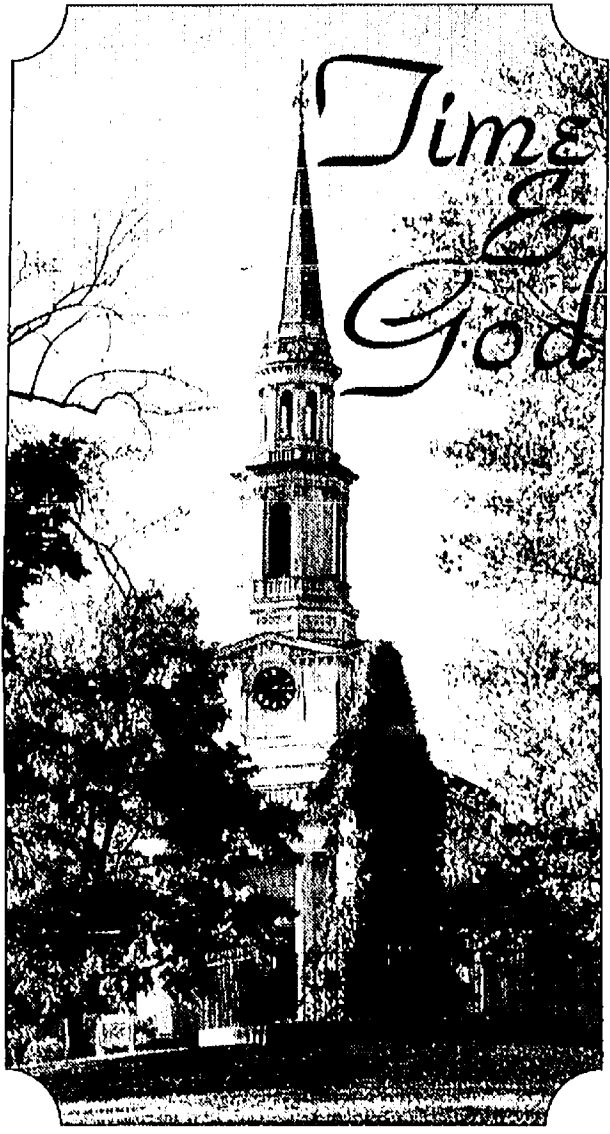
Backlund said he plans to keep a written log of his experiences in China with the hopes of writing a book or journal and newspaper articles about his time there.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

Natural River designation just another strike at the rights of property owners

To the editor,

On July 24, the Upper Manistee River Association, acting as an advocacy group for the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), sponsored a public forum in Grayling regarding the proposed designation of the Upper Manistee River and its watershed as a Michigan Natural River. Though not highly publicized, this proposed designation has been in the works for over two years and is scheduled to conclude in early November.

If designated as a Natural River, a 400-foot corridor on each side of the stream will be controlled by the DNR. Property owners and local zoning boards will be subject to regulations and requirements set by the DNR and allowed under Public Act 451, Part 305. Advocates of the designation tout that local zoning boards will be able to issue variances. However, the DNR can and has overturned local boards in cases concerning other designated Natural Rivers. The Natural River Plan (NRP) is purely and simply a taking of private property rights and a shift of local power to the state.

The DNR already controls the

water, yet its first objective (stated in the Upper Manistee River Natural River Plan obtained from the DNR Natural Rivers Coordinator in Lansing) is to maintain water quality. But lakes which feed the watershed tributaries that flow to the river are not included in the plan.

Lakeshore owners typically have well-organized associations that work to protect their rights. River communities, due to their very nature, are not as strongly linked. Lake associations are able to mobilize quickly, making their shorelines less vulnerable than riverbanks and wetlands, which apparently are viewed as "low hanging fruit." A Natural River designation is more about control over private property than river preservation.

The Natural Rivers Act allows the DNR to unilaterally designate streams as Natural Rivers. Citizen and local government approval may be courted by the DNR, but is unnecessary (to the process). Clearly, this process is not a reflection of democratic government.

Only organized opposition has caused the DNR to withdraw on its two previous attempts to designate

the Manistee River as a Natural River. The DNR does not need your support, only your lack of action. Oppose them.

You are urged to voice your opposition to the designation of the Upper Manistee River as a Michigan Natural River by contacting those listed below. Please use, "NO to the NRD of the Upper Manistee River" in the subject line if e-mailing.

Senator George McManus, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536 or e-mail: SenGMcManus@senate.state.mi.us or call (517) 373-1725; Representative Ken Bradstreet, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514 or e-mail: kbradstreet@house.state.mi.us or call (517) 373-0829; K.L. Cool, DNR Director, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or e-mail: burnhaml@michigan.gov or call (517) 335-2329.

Please "cc" e-mails to: river_group1@hotmail.com.

You are also encouraged to contact your hometown congressman should they be different than those listed above.

Jeff Kea
R.I.V.E.R. Group
Grayling

Arbitration saves money when system works

To the editor,

State of Michigan employees are asking for binding arbitration, not the right to strike.

We have the right to arbitrate a grievance now, however it is not unusual for human resource representatives to delay addressing the merits of the grievance until it is scheduled for arbitration. If it is settled, a cancellation fee has to be paid.

If the grievance goes to arbitration and the arbitrator rules in favor of the grievant, the department delays or refuses to implement the decision given. This costs the State more money, but it is not the Union's fault.

Binding arbitration will not cost the state more money. When the system works the way it is intended to, money will be saved.

Do not let Governor Engler coerce you into voting "no." Did he worry about the budget when legislators received a 38% raise, plus insurance benefits after retirement?

Mary Ettinger, President
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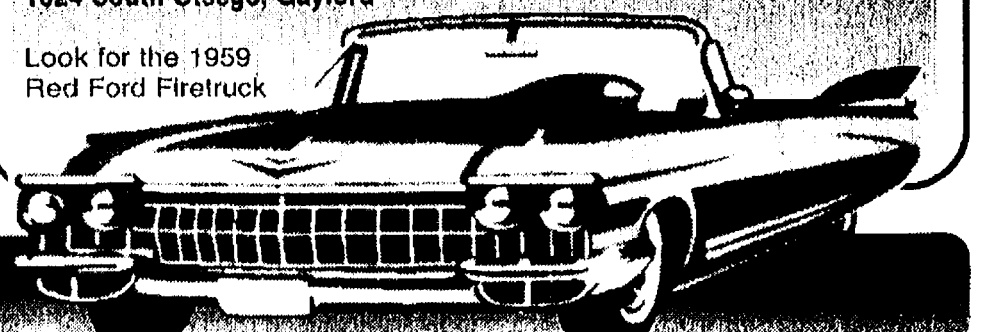
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Recent letters bring response to two issues

To the editor,

I have read two separate letters to the editor dealing with the ineffectiveness of the County Fair organizers. I am amazed at both Ms. Haynes' and Ms. Conforti's eagerness to bash this event and those who work hard to bring it to our community.

Perhaps the County Fair hasn't been the best that it could be. Since Ms. Haynes and Ms. Conforti both wish to put energy into this, I am sure that next year when the Fair Committee is asking for volunteers to help organize the event, both of these ladies will do their part to ensure that ribbons are given out promptly and children are all sent

home having enjoyed themselves.

This, dear ladies, is where you should put your energies, not in bashing those who at least try. It's easy to criticize, but let's see you both step up and try your hands at it. We'll all be thankful.

On another note, I would like to send out condolences to the Piehl family. I never thought that there were so many inconsiderate people in Grayling. What a shame it is that in these past few weeks so many people have written to defend Dr. Gosling by speaking negatively about the late Mr. Shane Piehl.

Out of respect for Shane's family and friends, please defend Dr. Gosling (whom I agree is a fantastic

doctor) but leave the Piehl family out of it. Shane, nor his family wrote the article that has caused this stir and neither are they responsible for Dr. Gosling's indictment. What about the others mentioned in the article? I recall there being more than one count, yet no one mentions these others.

Thomas Close, in his letter to the editor (August 29), mentioned morals and responsibility... two words that some of the other writers need to familiarize themselves with.

Mark S. Yarger
Inmate #252672
Camp Lehman
Grayling

DEQ shows lack of concern regarding Bear dump site

To the editor,

After reading the recent article on the Fred Bear dump leak, I cannot help but notice the lack of concern on the part of the DEQ about PCE getting into the river.

To say that there is no money to fix the leak and that it will probably move out of the river and into the air, shows a total lack of reverence for our beautiful river, the life it supports and the people who live along its banks.

How much of this chemical are we talking about? Tons? What happens to the PCE that settles onto something stationary in the river? What about the vapors that will be in the air?

And, what happens when this chemical comes in contact with the skin? There are those that fish, canoe and swim in the river.

The article states no long term

study has been done on the effect of this chemical on aquatic life. So, should we take a chance and allow PCE to destroy our river?

I plan to do more research on this matter. I am not satisfied with the

DEQ's decision to only monitor the situation and think it is no big deal. I am sure there are others out there who feel the same.

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Frederic Safety Patrol sworn in



Photo by Susan Warrington

Members of the Frederic Elementary Safety Patrol were sworn in September 10, by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield. Patrollers are (left to right) Noelle Beaman, Shana Williams, Anthony Allison, Jordan Luce, Rachel Wilson, Anthony Robinson, Alicia Stanley, Alex Wilson, Jay Love, Ashley Newberry, Brianna Osborne, David Lawe, Scott Webber, Tommy Ramsey, Josh Cook and Billy Caid. Standing behind the group, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and school liaison officer Deputy Bill Bonkowski.

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Sheldon's mother, Penny J. Alimenti, resides in Grayling.

****Servicemembers: please remember to provide your unit's Public Affairs Officer with our address for submissions to Military News.**

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 124 complaints the week of September 9-15:

Ten traffic accidents, five non-traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, four school bus inspections, nine civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, two lost and found property, one natural death, 20 general non-criminal, seven delinquent minors, two runaways, three valid alarms, one false alarm activation, two assault and battery/simple assault, six burglary home invasions, two larceny, one larceny - other, one fraudulent activities, two damage to property, one commercial sex offense/prostitution, one liquor law violation, 15 public peace/disorderly, two OUIL/UBAL, one operating under the influence of alcohol, eight health and safety, two miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, six driving violations/DWLS, etc.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 120 complaints during the weeks of September 1 to September 14:

One armed robbery, nine traffic accidents, three personal property collisions, eight larceny, three juvenile, four alarm calls, four city ordinance violations, four assault complaints, two misdemeanor arrests, nine suspicious situations, two civil, one harassment, three breaking and entering, eight malicious destruction of property, five disorderly, five assist other department calls, two animal control, one check law violation, six attempt to locate, two motorist assist, one civil citation issued, 18 traffic warnings given and 19 unclassified.



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Saturday, September 21

9 a.m. Memorial Service by the Michigan State Firemen's Association at the Firemen's Memorial site
11 a.m. Parade, downtown Roscommon

EVENTS AT ROSCOMMON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Noon Lions Club chicken barbecue opens
Bar opens

Waterball registration ends
Vehicle extrication competition begins (pre-registration required)
12:30 p.m. Waterball competition begins
1 p.m. Search & Rescue competition begins (pre-registration required)
All afternoon Gray's Air Cushion and Semi-Uprighting
Haz-mat program and demonstration
Smokey Bear
Forest fire demos, DNR and US Forest Service
Badge drawings for prizes (noon-10 p.m.)
Arts and crafts booths
911 children's firehouse
Class A foam demonstrations
Free train rides to Memorial site
Antique fire truck displays
Sawdust pile penny hunt
Fire & Rescue Equipment Displays

9 p.m. Free carnival and pony rides for children
10, 11 p.m. 23rd Annual Memorial Festival Dance
Gold Badge auctions, dance floor

Sunday, September 22

Noon-3 p.m. Free trolley rides to Memorial site
Class A foam demonstrations
High pressure gas demo
Confined space entry trailer
Bar open
Noon-4 p.m. Sawdust pile penny hunt
All afternoon Fire and rescue equipment displays
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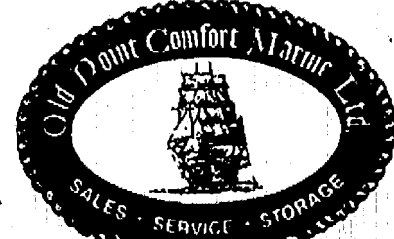
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The GHS Class of 1962 will celebrate its 40th Reunion at the annual Homecoming Dinner, September 21, at the Holiday Inn. All these years, class sponsor Art Thayer has been a friend and advisor. The class has held regular meetings and reunions in his garage and it is one of the larger classes from the 1960s. Lacey Stephan became one of the most respected teachers at GHS; we honored him in 1994. Gary Pettyjohn serves as a trustee on the school board; Norman Sorenson and Terry Wakeley continue to referee at GHS; and Pauline (Millikin) Hatfield is one of our Directors. We salute the Class of 1962. Please look for another picture I have submitted to the paper this week. Until another time... Clara Sorenson, Membership Secretary.

From left, "D" denotes deceased: (top row) Carol Millikin, Robert Poling, Delores Galvani, Gary Russell, Kay Ann Carrick, Martin Tinker, Karen Gothro, Richard Yoder, Karen Bobenmoyer, Lacey Stephan, Jane Lobsinger, Larry Gust, Judy Williams, Tom LaMotte; (row 2) Norman Sorenson, Nancy Stephan, Tom Pelton (D), Janet Wyman, Jerry Wert, Judy Waller (D), Terry Wakeley, Glenda Schofield, Jerold Lovely, Mickey Doremire (D), Collen Jurkovich, Nancy Hubble, Ted Beery, Nora LaGrow; (row 3) Linda Boone, William File (D), Lynn Kneff, Robert Hale (D), Elaine Knecroft (D), Jack Jones, Jill Jones,



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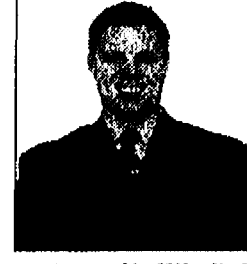
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Grayling Elementary Safety Patrol sworn in

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THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools' Parent Teacher Organization

Another summer is gone and back to school we go, where "We've got the P.O.W.E.R." at Grayling Elementary and it's a "A Great Spot to Learn" at AuSable Primary.

September 5 - Both schools hosted an Open House. Parents were able to meet their child's teacher, explore the classrooms and school. Tables were available to register for

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and also to volunteer with the AP/GE PTO.

The FIT Program, sponsored by Grayling Mercy Hospital, was presented to interested fifth grade parents for students at both Frederic and Grayling Elementary. The program will examine the health status of the fifth grade students to determine if they are at risk for cardio-

vascular disease and is offered at no cost to the parents.

September 10 - AP/GE PTO Fundraiser Kickoff. The PTO has purchased playground equipment, the school sign, donations to classrooms, sponsored family nights, hosted a staff appreciation luncheon and more. With your continuing support, the PTO can help finance educational needs.

The PTO is also looking for volunteers. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Grayling Elementary School conference room. All are welcome.

Again this year, Safety Patrol is there to help the younger children cross the roads safely and help enforce school rules. Please show them the courtesy by coming to

complete stops at the stop signs, using your turn signal when making a turn; also, please no parking along the curb.

September 23 - Early Dismissal at 12:41 p.m. for Staff Professional Development. Also, the AP/GE PTO Fundraiser ends. Students should have all orders and money turned in to their teachers.

Remember when shopping at Kmart or Gordon Food Service to have your cards swiped for support of our schools. Also, please continue to save and send in your Campbell's labels and Box Tops for Education. Call or stop in at either the AuSable Primary or Grayling Elementary School office for more information on these programs.

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Instructor, student display their art in Texas

A Kirtland Community College art instructor and his student are taking their show on the road.

Instructor Scott Rice and Justin LaDoux, who earned his certificate in graphic design, each have had a graphite rendering accepted into the Bosque Conservatory Art Council's 17th annual competition in Clifton, Texas.

Rice's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," and LaDoux's "Carousel Horse," are to be displayed at the Bosque Conservatory Art Council from September 14-22.

Both are eligible for the \$5,000

grand prize, to be awarded on the show's opening night.

Rice is a full-time faculty member at Kirtland and a team instructor for the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District's Visual Imaging Career Technological Program.

He holds a bachelor's in fine arts degree from Kendall College of Art and Design and his MFA from Central Michigan University. In his five years at Kirtland, Rice has exhibited as an award-winning artist at the Jesse Besser Museum's Northeast Art Exhibition, Newaygo County Council of the Arts and was

named one of the top 50 portrait artists in America by *Portrait Magazine*.

LaDoux, of West Branch, graduated from Kirtland in May and is beginning his first year at Kendall, where he earned a \$12,000 scholarship to pursue his BFA in illustration. During his two years at Kirtland, his exhibition record includes the Jesse Besser Museum's Northeast Art Exhibition, AuSable Valley Fine Art Show, Realism 2001 at the Stage Gallery in New York

and now a second visit to the Bosque Conservatory Art Council.

Operating since 1982, the Bosque Conservatory is a non-profit organization that organizes and perpetuates performing adult and children's theatre, and plays host to a nationally recognized judged art show and sale annually.

It also extends educational opportunities with classes in painting, sculpture, dance, photography and more. The Conservatory is housed at Clifton Junior College.

Theatre program expanded

The Theatre Arts Department at Kirtland Community College is expanding its program offerings. Anyone interested in working towards an Associate in Fine Arts Theatre degree is invited to check out the courses being offered.

Classes in the following areas are available at Kirtland: Movement and Voice I, Theatre Workshop I and II, Acting I and II, Directing I, Performance Art Workshop, Advanced Studies in Tech Theatre, Introduction to Theatre, Stagecraft I and II, Theatre Makeup,

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These courses transfer to area four-year colleges for those interested in completing a Bachelors Degree in Theatre. The department holds auditions and casts local students and community members in at least three theatre productions each year. The production group is called Kirtland Center Players. For more information, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 311.

Author/poet joins KCC's creative writing staff

Widely published author and poet Dan Crocker has joined Kirtland Community College's renowned creative writing staff.

Crocker will teach creative writing and English composition courses in the fall semester.

"I think students can expect my classes to be laid back and fun -- but a lot of hard work, too," Crocker said.

A native of Leadwood, Missouri, Crocker's published works include a short story collection, *Do Not Look Directly Into Me*, two poetry collections, *People Every Day and Other Poems* and *Long Live the 2 of Spades*, six chapbooks and 15 short stories published in a various journals. Also, he has a forthcoming book of short stories, *Dirty Dishes*.

Crocker, 29, replaces Gerry LaFemina, who is taking a one-year

sabbatical but still remains a consultant to Kirtland's English Department.

Instrumental in developing the first associate of fine arts/creative writing degree in the country at Kirtland, LaFemina also plans to continue his popular annual Controlled Burn Seminar for Young Writers during summers on Higgins Lake.

"We feel very fortunate to have Dan," said Richard Silverman, Kirtland's dean of instruction and educational services, "and I have great confidence that he will bring the same kind of energy and enthusiasm to our English Department that Gerry did."

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OBITUARIES

Ronald F. Armstrong

Oct. 11, 1926 - Aug. 31, 2002

Ronald F. Armstrong passed away at his home in Holiday, Florida on August 31, at the age of 75.

Ronald was born October 11, 1926 in Kalkaska County to Fred and May Armstrong who preceded him in death.

Ron joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served during World War II. Upon leaving the service in 1946, he was united in marriage on June 15, 1946 to Norma Jean DeFreese, also of Kalkaska.

Ronald worked for the U.S. Post Office in Kalkaska for 33 years, many of these years as a rural carrier. After his retirement from the Post Office, he and his wife Norma moved to Florida in 1982, while spending some summers at their other home in Grayling.

The family members preceding him in death besides his parents were, Norma Armstrong, his loving wife of 47 years, son Grant E. Armstrong, brother Loren Armstrong and foster brother Lloyd Beaver.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter, Ronald (Linda) Armstrong, of Gaylord, James (Anne) Armstrong of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Saralyn (Jim) Beadle of Kalamazoo; sister, Sybil (Cleo) McCullen of Oregon; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Upon cremation, a special military funeral service was held on September 10, 2002 at North Meadow Lawn Cemetery, New Port Richey, Florida.

Frances K. Merrill

September 15, 2002

Frances K. Merrill of Grayling, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died September 15, at the age of 73. Dear wife of H. William Merrill, loving mother of Elizabeth Merrill (Tom James) of White Lake, Deborah Rowe (Glen Womble) of Holt and Douglas (Sheryl) Merrill of Clarkston.

Dear sister of Letty Fiscus and Carol (William) Yaw. She was also survived by nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Merrill was an avid Bridge player, a member of the Upper Manistee River Association, and was treasurer of the Manistee Pine Homeowners Association. She was a volunteer at M.D.O.T., a reading tutor at the Naples School System in Florida and enjoyed spending summers in Grayling and Marco Island, Florida.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 19 at 11 a.m. at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 674-4181.

Officiating is Pastor Jeanne Cagle. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Naples Community Cancer Center or to the Upper Manistee River Foundation.

Arrangements by Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, Waterford.

John Albert McConnell

September 14, 2002

John Albert McConnell, age 74, of Frederic, died September 14. There will be no funeral services.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Cheryl Ann Labo

Dec. 18, 1955 - Sept. 12, 2002

Cheryl Ann Labo, 46, of Grayling, died Thursday, September 12. She was born December 18, 1955 in Grayling, the daughter of Calvin L. and Betty A. (Canfield) Hawley. She lived her entire life in Grayling.

Cheryl was a homemaker who enjoyed "shrooming," and loved to snowmobile, ride horses, crochet, read, sew, cook, and create Native American crafts. She also made the best cinnamon rolls. Her children were the most important part of her life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin L. Hawley on May 1, 2000, her daughter Angela Lynn Labo on May 21, 1993 and her grandfather Cecil Canfield on March 5, 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Bennie K. Labo Sr; daughter, Kimberly Sue Labo of Grayling; three sons, Bennie K. Labo Jr. of Frederic, Calvin L. (Christa) Labo of Frederic, and Robert (Dana) McGonigal of Brooksville, Florida; four grandchildren, Darryn S. Labo, Calvin L. Labo, Jr., Victoria and Kaycee McGonigal; her mother, Betty A. Hawley; four sisters, Connie (Ross) Argue of Grayling, Debra (Ron) Calkins of Grayling, Kim (Jim) Peckat of Grayling, Billie Jo (Jim) Miller of Higgins Lake; grandmother Clois Canfield of Grayling; aunt Judy (Bob) Cooper of Grayling and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 16, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

Due to great volunteer turnout, the library is now able to offer some new free services.

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Introduction to Computer classes will start October 8 at 10 a.m. and run every Tuesday. Class size is limited to six people each week. Call the library at 348-9214 to sign up or for more information.

After School Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday in the Tutoring Room to help young students with their work and with their reading. Call the library for more information.

Here are some other activities scheduled at the library:

The Disney classic animated movie "Dumbo" will be shown September 19 at 7 p.m. on the big screen in the meeting room. Prior to the showing, at 6 p.m., local teens will be reading to any children present. A different film will be shown every third Thursday. Suggestions for films to be shown in the future are welcome.

Story Hour at the library is held each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. starting September 19. Rae Ann Schanz will read to and entertain the little ones.

Fly Tying will be the subject of a demonstration or speaker at the library every fourth Thursday, beginning September 26 at 6 p.m. with a fly tying demonstration by local anglers. Suggestions for future demonstrations or speakers will also be taken.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Thu. Sept. 19 - Meatloaf/Maryland Chicken; BP's taken at 11 a.m. to noon; Lucky 7 leaves at 10 a.m.; History Class at 1 p.m. and Uno attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept 20 - Sweet & Sour Pork/

no dinner; Lovells satellite at 12:30 o.m.; Pantry bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 22 - Pancake Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 23 - Italian Round Steak/Chicken Cacciatore; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Sept 24 - Roast Chicken/Breaded Fish; Tenant Council at 10 a.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; and Movie at 5:30 p.m. "Lady for a Night" with John Wayne and Joan Blondell.

Mon. Sept 25 - Connecticut Ham/ Roast Beef; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts with Christie at 1 p.m. and Medicine Shoppe bingo at 5:30 p.m.

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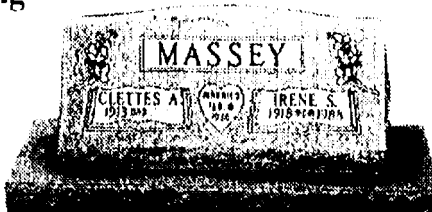
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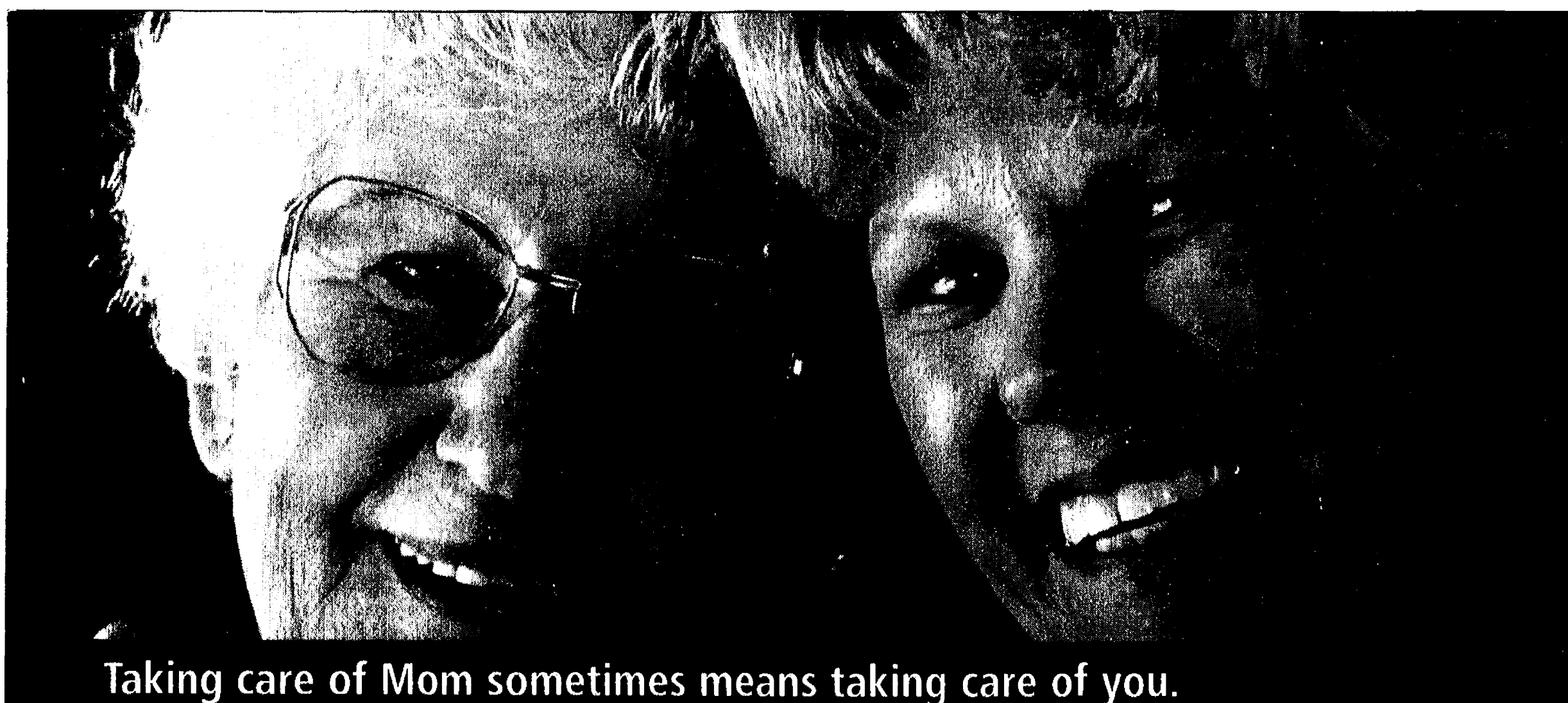
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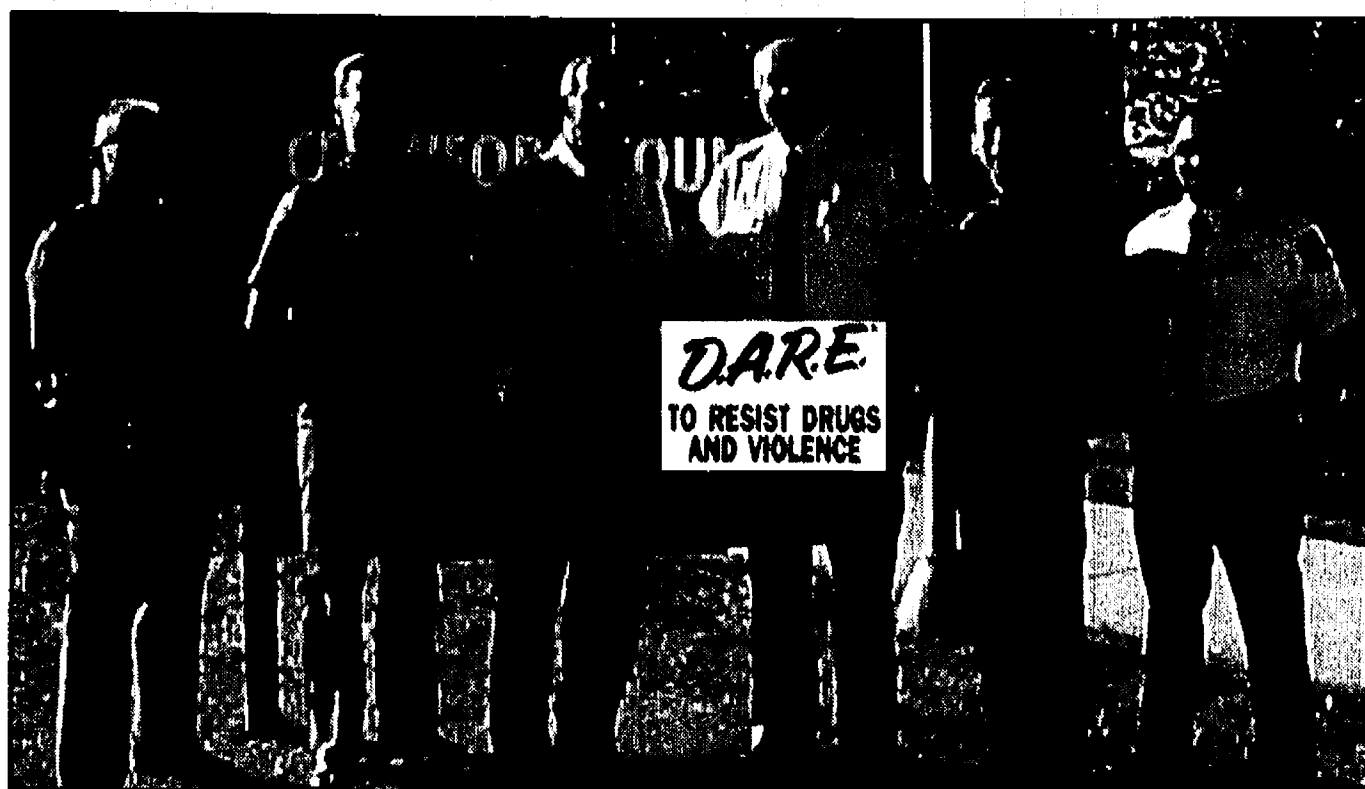
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Example: At 11:30 AM on Sept. 19, 2002, the movie "Stealing Harvard" was shown at the Gaylord Cinema West.

Lions help out local D.A.R.E. program



The Grayling Lions Club donated \$500 recently to the Crawford County Sheriff Department's D.A.R.E. program for students in the Crawford AuSable School District. From left: high school liaison officer Deputy Paul Smith, D.A.R.E. Program Coordinator and Middle School liaison officer Deputy Randy Herman, Lions Club representative Bob Weller, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, primary/elementary schools' liaison officer Deputy Bill Bonkowski and Undersheriff Shawn Krays.

Feds continue to fund Head Start programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded the Northeast Community Services Agency (NEMCSA) in Alpena \$1,779,041 for Head Start programs.

"The Head Start program is a proven winner in providing for the educational needs of children from low income families," said Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee).

NEMCSA will receive

\$1,263,217 for the Early Head Start program and \$515,824 for the Head Start: Full Year Part Day Handicapped Training and Technical Assistance program.

"Both programs are critical to enable the children from low income families to enter school on par with the children from higher income families," John Briggs, NEMCSA chief operating officer said. "We are grateful for Rep.

Stupak's continued efforts and support in helping these programs."

Head Start, which is offered in Crawford County, is a cultural and educational program designed to prepare children, ages 3-5, for kindergarten.

Families receiving assistance from Head Start are at or below the poverty level.

"Head Start is a valuable family service that encourages parental involvement in the development of young children," Stupak said.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for October. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

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Family planning: October 1 & 15.

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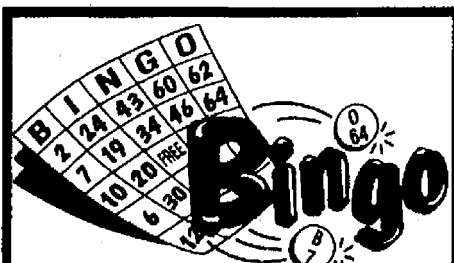
WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: October 2, 10, 11, 24, 28 & 29.

Breast and cervical cancer screening October 15. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Free Hearing & Vision Screenings, children ages 3 - 18 (Headstart Building) on October 4.

Other services are available; call (989)348-7800 for appointment.

Other health services include: Maternal/Infant support - Families Matter, Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.), HIV/AIDS testing, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training session. Free hearing and vision screenings for ages three - 18 years by appointment, as scheduled; Mi Child and Healthy Kid Insurance Programs; Health Promotion Programs: - Smoking Cessation Classes - Abstinence Education (and various health topic presentations by health educators).



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- Carriers should not be used for transporting baby in a car or on a bicycle.
- A frame-style carrier can be used when baby can sit up unassisted.
- Be sure baby's weight is evenly distributed in the carrier and all restraint straps are secured.
- Check the carrier periodically for sharp edges, ripped seams and missing or loose snaps.
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Cultural Events to host first dinner show of '02-03 season

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program will open its 2002-03 Command Performance Dinner Series with the Merling Trio on Thursday, September 26, at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

The performance will start at 6 p.m. The Merling Trio, a group that includes a violinist, a cellist, and a pianist, hails from Kalamazoo.

"The new season will feature a wealth of Michigan talent," said R.J. Hannan, Cultural Events Program Coordinator.

The Command Performance Series offers musical entertainment in a dinner setting. Dinner for the September 26 show will include: entree of BBQ pork loin or orange roughly, red skin potatoes, veg-

etable, salad, rolls, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages.

Tickets are \$27.50 apiece. The ticket price covers the performance and dinner, including tax and tip.

To order tickets, contact Hannan at 348-7146.

With the 2002-03 Cultural Events line-up just getting underway, season tickets are still available for all three series (Travel and Adventure, Command Performance, and Special Performances). Season passes are \$90 (Command Performance, four shows); \$35 (Travel and Adventure, six shows); and \$30 (Special Performances, three shows).

Also, season "patron" tickets are still available. Patron tickets are

\$115 each. "It's one of the best entertainment deals in the north," Hannan said.

Patron passes include tickets for all shows in the three series, purchaser's name in the program, newsletter, and "Perks for Patrons."

The Special Performances series will open with "Boogie Woogie Babies and Classic Movie" on October 17. The second Travel and Adventure Series travelogue - "Best of Portugal" - will be held on October 10.

The Command Performance Dinner Series is made possible through the sponsorship of several area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Thirty years later, they still know how to have fun



Members of the Grayling High School Class of 1972 gather for their 30 year reunion.

Submitted by Cheryl Millikin

The Grayling High School Class of 1972 held its 30 year reunion on

Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, with a total of 36 class members attending.

The reunion kicked off on Friday night at Spike's Keg O'Nails with 21 class members present; several of whom were unable to attend on Saturday. Those attending Friday but unable to come Saturday included: Vickie (Anthony) Mrazik, Art Annis, Mike Matthews, Pam (Pearsall) Fulkerson, Sue (Pickell) Cornell and Beverly Smock.

Saturday brought a threat of bad weather but the day was wonderful as 30 more members joined together at the home of senior class president Mike McNamara and his wife Bev.

Class members reminiscing on Saturday were: Mike Ayers, Ernie Balch, Jed and Mary Kay (Hunter) Blaauw, Janet (Broeker) Cogswell, Diane (Duley) Payne and friend Ron Shepler (Class of 1971), Joe Elenbass, Karen (Feldhauser) Spirl, Marcia (Gallagher) Rochrich, Jenelle Golnick and friend Cy Wakeley (Class of 1970). Others included: Julie Golnick, Rick Gould, Andy Haskel, Sheila Hulbert, Tony Latusek, Paul Lerg (class advisor), Mike McNamara, Dave and Cheryl (Bourrie) Millikin, Michele (Mitchell) Stanley, Lynnette (Niederer) Corlew, Tracy (Roper) Henning, Charmaine (Shepler) Penner, Jim Tobin, Renee' (Weaver) Deman, Bill and Molly (Flannigan) Weideman, Steve Westervelt, A.J. Wilcox and Pam (Zimmerman) Rogers.

Out-of-state guests traveled from Arizona, California, Florida, Ohio, Tennessee and Wyoming.

Hors d'oeuvres were catered by a local deli in Grayling.

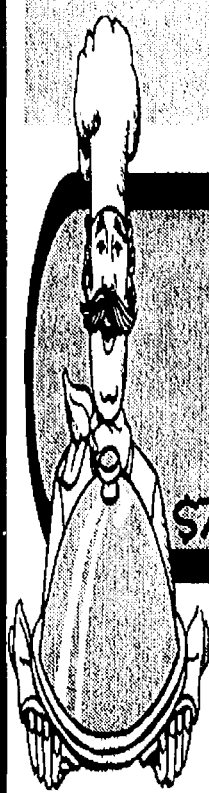
Yearbooks, school newspapers, sports programs, playbills, newspaper clippings and more were displayed and enjoyed by all. Mike Ayers even brought the jacket he wore as a member of school music group, The Choralaires.

Fun photos were taken of the whole group as well as the 'St. Mary's School Kids.'

After the reunion, Steve Westervelt e-mailing from Arizona, commented, "Thirty years seem to have flown by. People seemed to have changed a lot, at first, but once we all started talking, it seemed like it was just yesterday that we were all teenagers... I guess even though looks may change, personalities always shine through."

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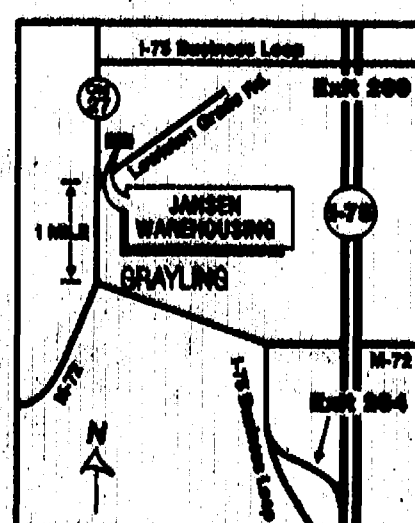
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New paint ball field is dream come true

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

For the past three years, it has been a dream for paint ball players, such as Tom Earls, Kellan Quigley and Erik Olson, to be able to have access to a paint ball field in the Grayling area. That dream is just days away from coming true.

On Saturday, September 21, a mowed and groomed playing field complete with obstacles will be available at Hanson Hills Recreation Area for use by paint ball players. This is the first time such an event will be held at Hanson Hills, but certainly not the last.

Paint ball has become a popular activity in the past five years. There are professional divisions of the sport organized all over the world.

Earls, Quigley and Olson became interested in paint ball two years ago and set up a tournament in a field they constructed behind the Quigley home in Grayling. After many days spent building bunkers and preparing the surrounding woods, the first tournament was held. Twenty players participated that autumn day in 2000.

First place winners were Nick McNamar and his father, Paul; J.C. Schneider and Zach Dean took second place, and James Walker and Reagen Schmidt took third place in the two-man team competitions. The second event was held in late fall, 2001.

During the year in between tournaments, Earls, Quigley and Olson had no choice but to travel

to Kingsley to compete because there was no field large enough in Grayling for competition. While attempting to find a bigger local field, the boys kept playing on the one they developed. During Christmas break from school in 2001, a special winter game was held. Walker's cousins, Ronny and Derik Johnston, who were visiting from their home in Alaska, also joined the paint ball event. They are the grandsons of local residents Ron and Judy Johnston, and nephews of Val Walker.

Due in large part to the efforts of longtime Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) board member Neal Michal, Hanson Hills now has a weekly paint ball program. Speed ball and Rec ball courses will be offered.

Michal, Earls and Quigley have joined forces to construct the field for those from 11 years of age through adult, male and female, to participate in one of the world's fastest growing sports.

Saturday's event begins with registration starting at 11 a.m. Play will run from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Cost to participate is \$15 per person and head and eye protection is required to play. Players must bring their own supplies as none will be available for sale or rent.

This will be an organized, referee controlled, fully insured event. Cash prizes will be awarded. Amounts of the awards will be based upon the number of participants.



Photo courtesy of the Quigley family

Many local youths have taken up the sport of paint ball, and now they will have a place to compete locally. This Saturday marks the grand opening of a new paint ball field at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Shown is a group of kids who competed in an event set up in the back yard of a Grayling residence. From left: (back row) Kyle Roman, Jeremy Messerschmidt, Nick McNamar, Kenny Jackson, Brian Jackson, Kellan Quigley, Taylor Earls; (front row) Tom Earls, Kris Minnick, Cody Curtis, Cody Frankowski.

Michal said he hopes organizers will be able to really make this program work for the sake of the kids in the community, giving them an option from just hanging out with nothing to look

forward to or do.

Players from Roscommon, Gaylord, Traverse City, Houghton Lake and Higgins Lake are expected to participate, as well as some downstate play-

ers. Michal said there should be lots of challenging fun for all.

Following Saturday's opening paint ball event, play will be held every Sunday, beginning September 29. Hanson Hills is

located on Old Lake Road near M-93; look for the "Paint Ball" sign at the entrance. For more information, call Neal Michal at 348-6592 or Kellan Quigley at 348-5627.

JV team beats Blazers 36-24

► Vikings win by 12 vs. visiting Blazers of Kalkaska on Thursday

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's JV girls basketball team won a low-scoring match in Grayling last week 36-24 against the Kalkaska Blazers.

The Vikings had an 8-2 lead after one quarter of play. Kalkaska did not score a field goal in the first eight minutes of the game. The Blazers scored their two first quarter points on a pair of free throws with 13 seconds left in the period.

Grayling scored its eight first period points on a put-back by Michelle McGuire, a jump shot by Hannah Hall, a shot inside by Katie Baynham on an assist from Hall, and a jumper by Kelly Dunckley on an in-bounds pass from McGuire.

Both teams scored eight points in the second quarter to leave Grayling's lead at six.

The Vikings scored their eight points on jump shots by Jenny VanNuck, a shot inside by Ellie Currison on an assist from VanNuck, and a fast break lay-up by McGuire.

At halftime, the Vikings had a 16-10 advantage.

Kalkaska scored the first two buckets of the third quarter to pull within two. A three-pointer by McGuire gave GHS a 19-14 edge.

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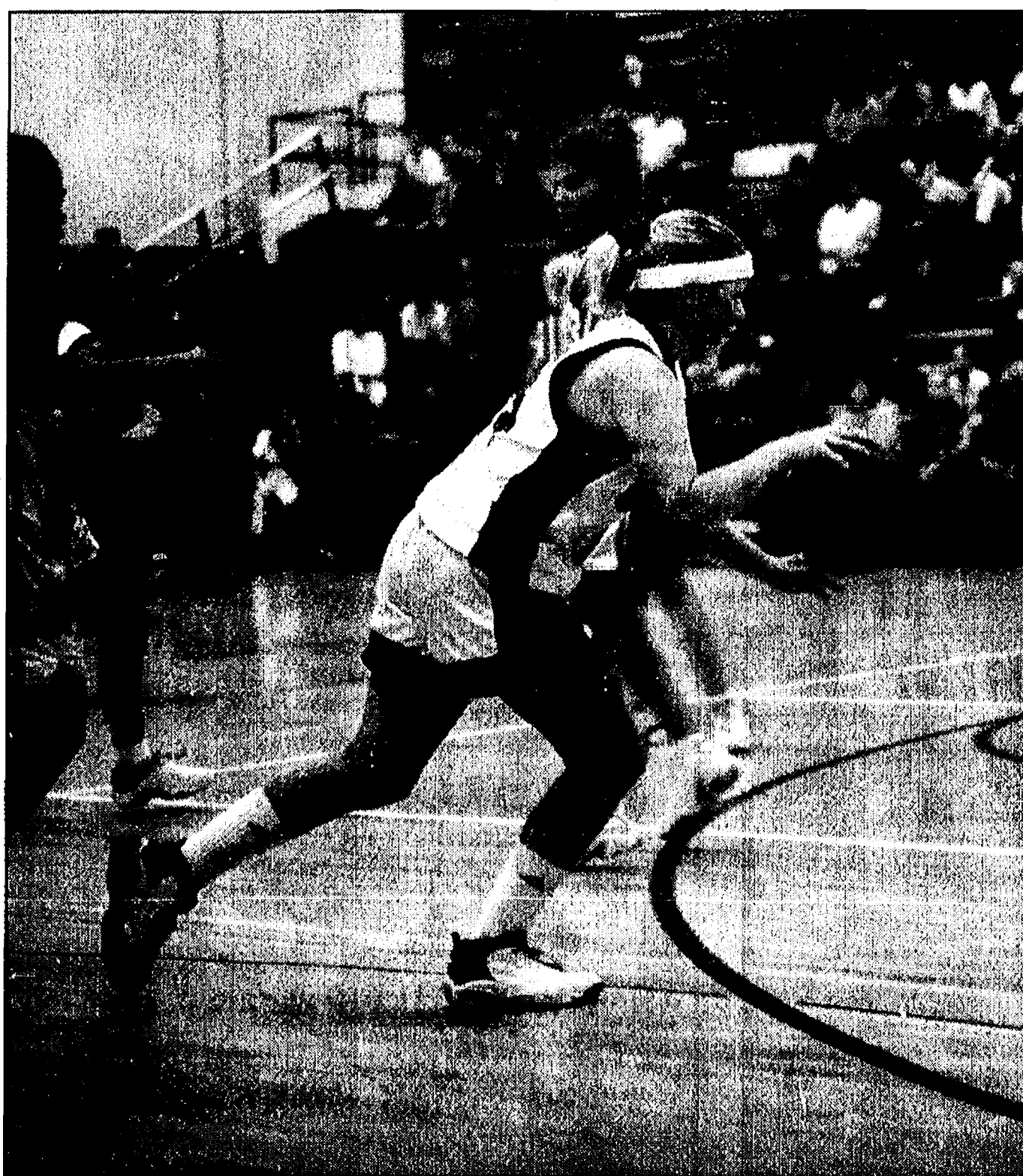


Photo by Caleb Casey

Jodi Riddle drives toward the basket in Grayling's 36-24 win over Kalkaska last Thursday in Grayling.

Soccer team wins 5-4, loses 3-0



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Goalkeeper John Handy collides with a West Branch Ogemaw Heights player in last week's varsity boys soccer game in Grayling. Ogemaw won the game. For more, see Page 3B.

Enrichment Classes Offered Fall 2002

Cake Decorating

Date: October 2, 2002
at GMS, room 107

Course: 8 Weeks

Day: Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials extra)

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Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the Community Education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Hatha Yoga

Date: October 3, 2002

at AuSable Primary - Gross Motor Skills Room

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Course: 8 Weeks

Day: Thursday - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00

Description: Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

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Course: 8 Weeks

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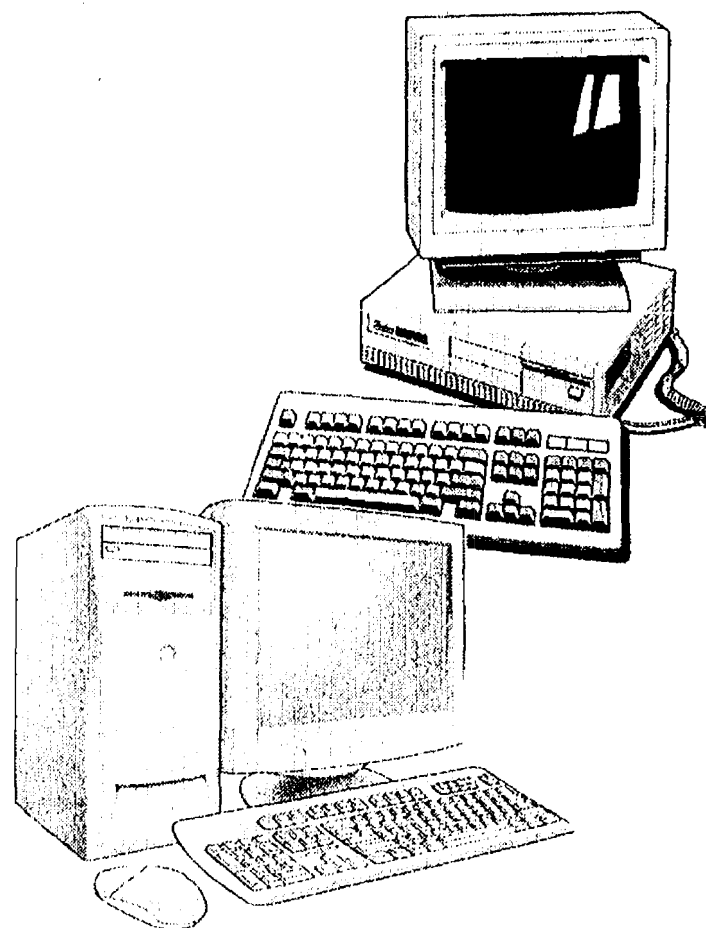
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Course: 8 Weeks

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This is a flexible class that is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. It will take you from your current skill level and expand upon your existing computer knowledge. You may choose to learn any or all of the Microsoft Office Suite: word, Excel, Access or PowerPoint or simply refine your Internet search techniques and learn to navigate in a Windows environment.

Computers II

Date: October 3, 2002

at GMS, Lab

Instructor: Terri Snyder

Course: 8 Weeks

Day: Thursday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50.00 (includes book)

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel and/or Access. The instructor will tailor the class around the needs of the students.

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Date: September 30, 2002

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Instructor: Tracy Wilson

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Local riders place in first meet

The newly-formed Grayling Equestrian Team placed in five of the seven events that riders competed in at the group's first Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) District XIII meet held on Sunday, September 15.

Riders for the team are Meghan Thomas, Nicole Cassidy, and Jenni Emmons. Coaches are Nadine Emmons and Sarah Price.

Thomas led the team in points on Sunday by placing 1st in Cloverleaf, 5th in Keyhole, and receiving an honorable mention in the trail class. With Emmons, she took 8th in the two-person relay. Cassidy received an honorable mention in the trail class.

The Grayling team competed against nearly 60 other

riders from District XIII, which includes teams from Standish Sterling Central, Tawas, Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Ogemaw Heights, Whittemore-Prescott, and Fairview-Mio.

At MIHA meets, high school-aged equestrians have the opportunity to compete in fitting and showing, hunt seat, saddle seat, stock seat, and speed events.

The Grayling Equestrian Team's next meet will be held on Sunday, September 22, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. Spectators are welcome.

For more information about meets or the Grayling Equestrian Team, contact Nadine Emmons at 348-2519 or Sarah Price at 348-5869.



Members of the Grayling Equestrian Team: (left to right) Jenni Emmons, Nicole Cassidy, Meghan Thomas, Coach Nadine Emmons.

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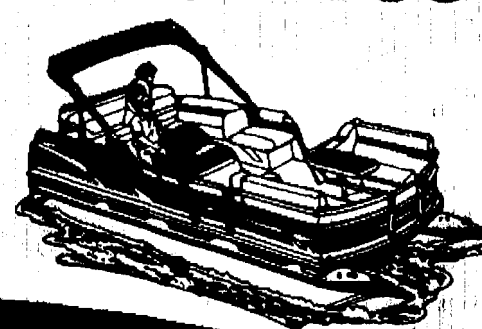
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Soccer team wins 5-4, loses 3-0

► Vikings defeat Pinconning by one, fall to West Branch Ogemaw Heights

The Grayling High School varsity boys soccer team won one and lost one in games last week.

On Monday, the Vikings defeated Pinconning 5-4 in Grayling.

The Spartans led 2-0, then Grayling scored the next four goals to lead 4-2.

Pinconning came back and tied the game at 4-4. A goal by Brandon Pratt in the last five minutes of the game ended up being the game-winner for GHS.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost

to West Branch Ogemaw Heights 3-0 in Grayling.

The Falcons scored their first goal of the game on a direct free kick from about 25 yards out at the 37:22 mark in the first half. At the 21:31 mark, Ogemaw converted a penalty kick to lead 2-0.

Ogemaw's third goal also came from a penalty kick after the Vikings were whistled for a hand-ball in the penalty box.

Grayling had a few good opportunities at the offensive end, including a penalty kick, but couldn't convert. "The team played really well but couldn't finish," said Coach Kyle Langseth.

The soccer team will host Gaylord on Thursday, September 19.



James Lawrence dribbles the ball upfield in last Wednesday's match vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Tony Thomas sends the ball to a teammate downfield in the Ogemaw game on Wednesday.



Matt Seager heads the ball for Grayling against the Falcons of Ogemaw Heights last week.



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Pawel Wojcik moves the ball upfield vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday.

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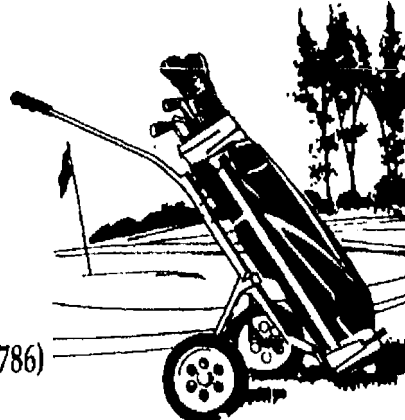
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Varsity girls fall to Kalkaska

► Blazers hit their
free throws down
the stretch to seal
72-60 victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School lost a hard-fought varsity girls basketball game against Kalkaska last Thursday in Grayling 72-60.

Grayling led at one point late in the first half, but the Blazers pulled away late in the second half to seal the win.

KHS opened the game with a three-pointer. A free throw by Ashley Hawley for Grayling and a free throw by the Blazers left the Kalkaska lead at three. A put-back by Mandy Czapek cut it to one.

A shot inside and another three-point basket by KHS put Kalkaska up 9-4. Grayling pulled within four with a jump shot by Lori Ellis.

A drive and two free throws gave Kalkaska a 13-6 lead. A three-pointer by Tracy Parkinson in the last few seconds of the first quarter pulled Grayling to within four, 13-9.

Grayling scored the first points of the second period on a pair of free throws by Parkinson. Two free throws by Kalkaska put the Blazers back up by four. Grayling answered with a jumper by Hawley. A triple by Kalkaska and a free throw by Czapek put the KHS lead back at four.

Kalkaska scored a basket to go up by six. A jump shot by Hawley cut it back down to four. The Blazers scored two free throws to lead 22-16.

A free throw by Jessica Green and a free throw by Kalkaska left the KHS advantage at six.

A jumper by Kate Nickert and a three-pointer by Kim Mitchell cut Kalkaska's lead to one, 23-22, with 3:17 left in the first half.

Two free throws put Kalkaska up by three. A jump shot by Parkinson brought GHS back to within one. Two free throws by Danielle Beckwith gave Grayling a 26-25 lead with 2:29 left in the first half.

A triple by Beckwith put the Vikings up by four. Four free throws by Kalkaska on two trips to the line tied the game at 29-29. A shot inside and a three-point play put the Blazers up by five.

A triple by Brica Frisbie cut the Kalkaska lead down to two. A free throw and a three-point play put Kalkaska up by six. Grayling scored the last points of the first half on a pair of free throws by Skylynn Palmer.

KHS led 38-34 at halftime.

Kalkaska scored the first basket of the second half — a three-pointer — to lead 41-34. Grayling came back with a shot inside by Green and a jumper by Hawley. After a shot inside and a free throw by Kalkaska, Grayling pulled back within four with a lay-up by Hawley.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Lori Ellis looks to pass in last Thursday's varsity girls basketball home game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.

The Blazers connected on another triple at the 3:50 mark to lead 47-40.

Grayling scored two on a jump shot by Parkinson. Kalkaska added five to its tally with a jumper and a three-pointer. A shot inside by Hawley and a jump shot by Parkinson pulled Grayling within six, 52-46.

Kalkaska scored a bucket inside, and GHS answered with a jumper by Ashley Bancroft.

KHS led 56-48 going into the fourth quarter.

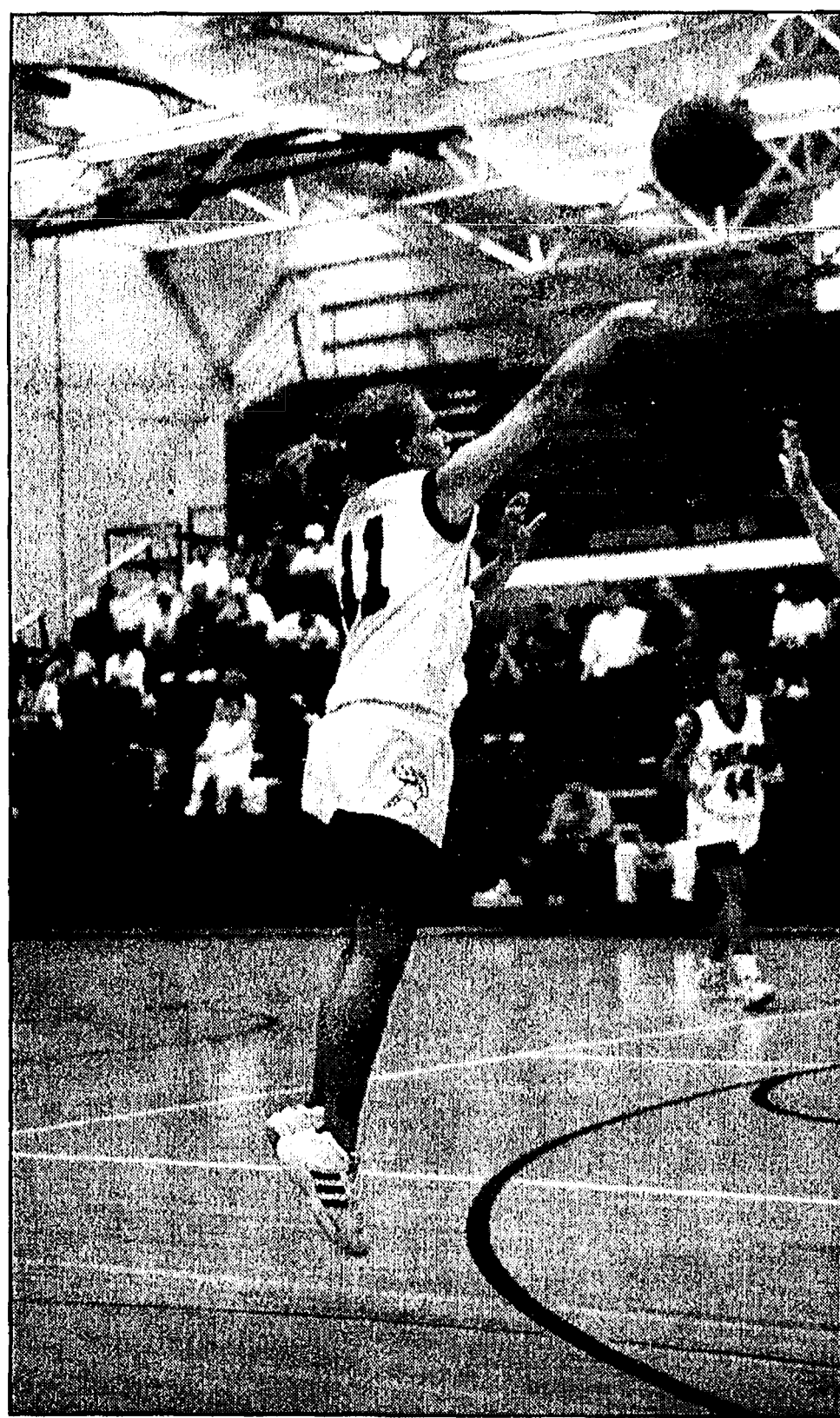
The Blazers went up by 10 with a jump shot. Put-backs by Czapek and Green and a triple by Mitchell cut the Kalkaska lead to three, 58-55.

It was all Kalkaska from there. The Blazers outscored Grayling 14-5 in the last 5:15 of the fourth quarter to win the game 72-60. Ten of Kalkaska's 14 points down the stretch were scored on free throws (10 of 18 from the line).

Parkinson and Hawley led Grayling with 11 points apiece. Czapek and Green each finished with seven. Eleven Vikings scored in the match.

Grayling will play at Gladwin on Thursday, September 19. On Tuesday, September 24, the Vikings will host Pinconning after the JV game, which starts at 6:15 p.m.

(To get into the gymnasium at GHS, spectators should use the front entrance nearest the gym — the double doors located just north of the main office entrance. Other entrances into GHS are closed due to the renovations being completed at the school.)



Brica Frisbie takes a three-point shot in the game against Kalkaska last week.

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JV team beats Blazers 36-24

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After a basket by the Blazers, McGuire hit another triple, giving Grayling a 22-16 lead. The Vikings held Kalkaska scoreless for the rest of the period (about four minutes of clock time) and scored six more points with a put-back by Hall, a fast break lay-up by Baynham, and a drive by Jodi Riddle.

Grayling led by 12, 28-16, going into the fourth quarter.

Kalkaska scored the first basket of the fourth period to pull within 10. A lay-up by McGuire put GHS back up by 12. The Blazers scored two on a pair of free throws, and Grayling answered with a shot inside by Riddle on a pass from Dunckley.

A shot inside by Kalkaska pulled the Blazers back within 10. A jumper by Riddle put the Vikings up by 12 with 2:05 left in the game.

Both teams scored two more points down the stretch, each converting on two of four free throw shots. The Vikings won by a final score of 36-24.

McGuire was the leading scorer for Grayling with 12 points. Riddle and Baynham had six and five points, respectively. Seven Vikings scored in the match.

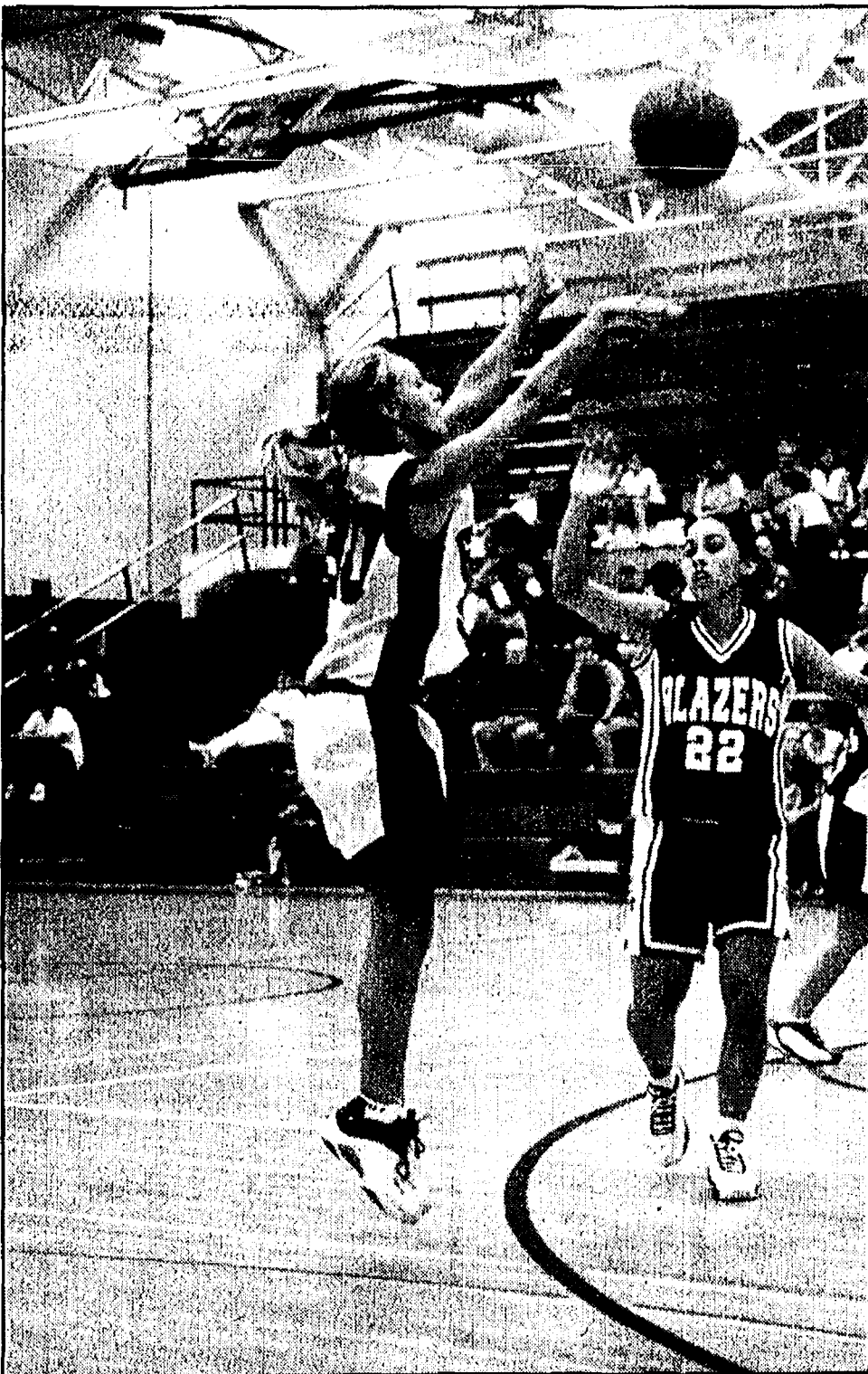
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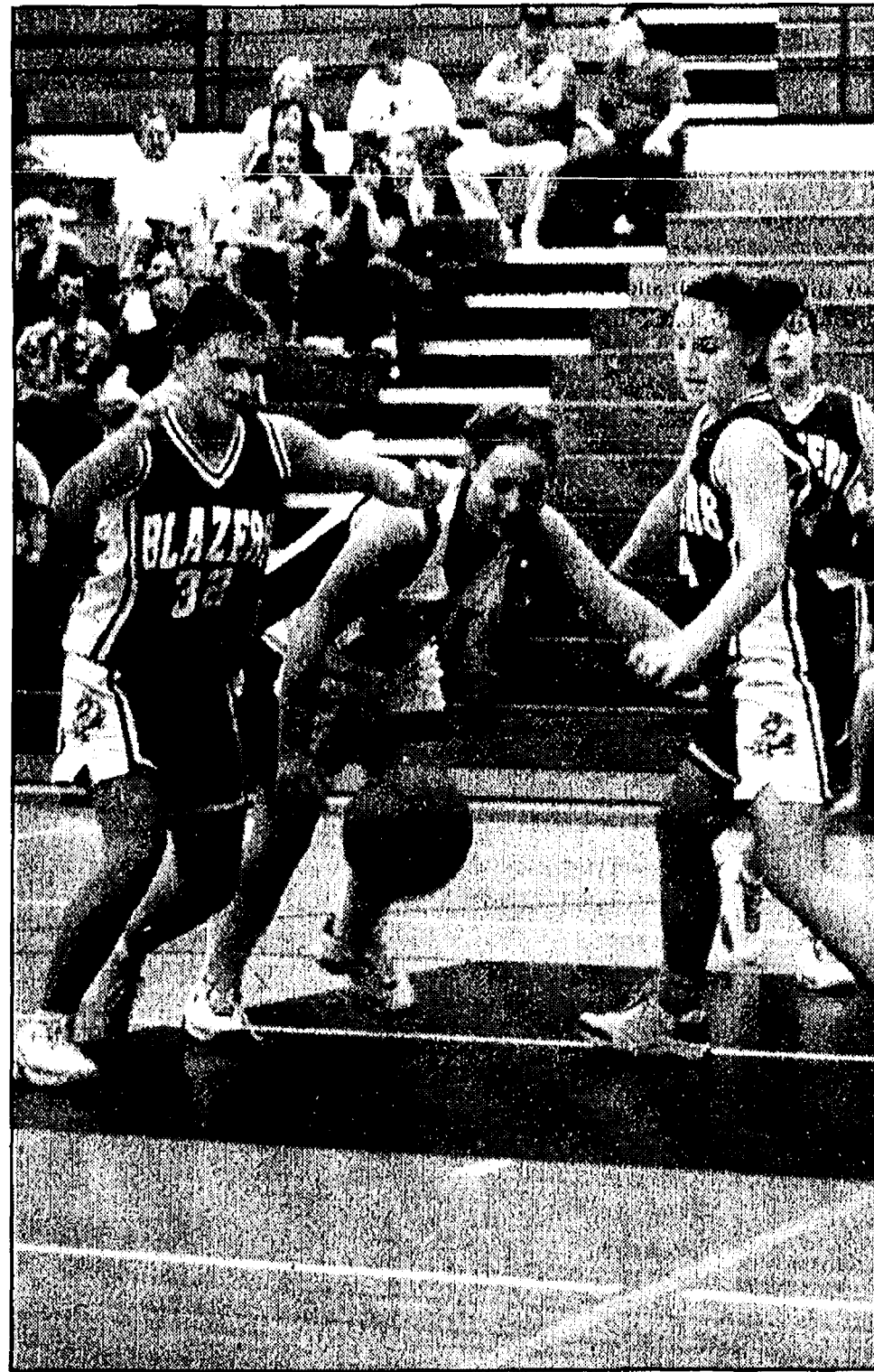


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Kelly Dunckley drives the ball down the sideline in last week's game against the Blazers of Kalkaska.



Katie Baynham shoots a three-pointer against Kalkaska on Thursday.



Hannah Hall goes after a loose ball in the lane in last week's win over the Blazers.

Tennis team falls to TC St. Francis

Grayling High School lost a varsity girls tennis meet 6-1 vs. Traverse City St. Francis last Tuesday in Grayling.

For the Vikings, Megan Madill posted a 6-2, 6-0 win at the #4 singles position. "Jamie Zelek and Jaci Hedden played tough, long matches at #1 and #2 singles," Coach Joe Mau said.

"The team continues to work hard and improve every day," Coach Mau said. "Our captain, Jamie Zelek, continues to provide excellent leadership both on and off the court."

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Turnovers costly in loss to Owls

► Vikings put up more yards, but Owls capitalize on Grayling errors

Grayling High School's varsity football team had more yards of offense than its opponent — the Owls of Oscoda — last Friday, but were unable to overcome some costly turnovers and penalties in the match, and the host Owls won 33-12.

The Vikings had 276 yards of offense — 190 through the air and 86 on the ground. Oscoda finished with 258 total yards, 210 of which were generated in the first half.

Grayling was penalized seven times for a total of 79 yards, and had four turnovers (three interceptions and one lost fumble).

The Vikings opened the game with an on-side kick. Grayling recovered it to start with good field position, but the Vikings were stopped on a 4th down and short play and Oscoda took over on downs.

The Owls scored on their eighth play. Two key Grayling penalties helped sustain the drive. Oscoda missed the extra point, and led 6-0.

Roy Czapek returned the Oscoda kick-off deep into Owl territory. From the 17, Grayling ran four plays and scored a touchdown on a pass from Chris Wakeley to Shawn Gabriel. The extra point try failed, leaving the score tied at 6-6.

Oscoda responded with a nine-play scoring drive capped by a 5-yard TD run. The Owls went for two on the conversion and got it to lead 14-6.

Grayling's next drive ended with an interception deep in Oscoda territory. The Owls took advantage of the turnover, scoring a TD with a five-play, 69-yard drive. They added the extra point kick to lead 21-6.

The Vikings punted on their next possession. On Oscoda's first play from scrimmage, the quarterback broke loose for a 42-yard touchdown run.

Grayling punted again on its next chance with the ball.

Oscoda drove to the endzone in

seven plays for another touchdown. With about one minute left in the first half, the Owls led 33-6.

After the kick-off, Grayling answered with a TD drive. A run by Gabriel picked up 14 yards for GHS. A pass from Wakeley to Kaiser covered another 12, and a 34-yard pass play from Wakeley to Gabriel put the Vikings at Oscoda's 4-yard line with 10 seconds left in the first half.

Wakeley then hit Kaiser on a slant route for the touchdown. Grayling trailed 33-12 at halftime.

Grayling's defense held Oscoda to just 48 total yards (and zero points) in the second half, but the offense failed to put any more points on the board.

The Vikings had two second half possessions end with interceptions deep in Oscoda territory.

For the game, Grayling had four turnovers in all — three interceptions and one fumble recovery. Oscoda did not commit any turnovers in the match. "That was a huge factor," Coach Scott Cousineau said.

Wakeley finished at 7 for 17 for

129 yards passing, with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Chad Helsel was 3 for 10 for 61 yards with one interception. Helsel came in during the third quarter after Wakeley went down with an injury. (Wakeley practiced this week and is expected to play this Friday, Coach Cousineau said.)

On defense, Czapek was Grayling's leading tackler with 11 solo take-downs and 7 assists. Andy Strohpaal was in on eight tackles (6, 2) and Dan Mahaney was in on seven (5, 2).

"Our kids did not quit," Coach Cousineau said. "Execution of the offense was a lot better this week. There were a lot of positives. We're battling a confidence thing. The nice thing about this game is the kids found out, 'yeah, we can play.'"

"We're not at all happy about the loss, but we still continue to see a lot of fight, we've got a lot to build on. We're not gonna quit," he said.

The Vikings will host the Standish Sterling Central Panthers on Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m.

GRAYLING REDSKINS

JV team still unbeaten at 3-0

Grayling's JV Redskins football team posted a 32-6 win over Alpena 1 at Cheboygan on Saturday to improve its 2002 season record to 3-0.

"After a 'bye' week, the team was ready to play," said Coach Dave Burr. "We worked hard for two weeks of practice and we started with a no-huddle offense. We had Alpena confused and ran the ball well, but a couple of false starts killed the (opening) drive."

Alpena took over on downs and broke free for a 43-yard touchdown run. The point after try failed, but Alpena led 6-0.

After that, it was all Grayling.

"The offensive line of Rob Schultes, Matt McDonald, James Haight, Amber Collen, Matt Letts, Adam Kolka, and Danny CdeBaca were dominating the line of scrimmage," Coach Burr said.

Grayling pounded the ball down the field and capped the drive with a touchdown run by Ryan Cooper. The Redskins converted the extra point try with a run by Tony Lashley.

Grayling stopped Alpena's next possession with an interception by Josh Stapleton.

With hard running by Cooper, Lashley, and Tim VanNuck, the Redskins marched down the field and finished the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run by Cooper.

Grayling scored three more touchdowns, including one on an interception return, to win 32-6.

"Special teams kept the Wildcats pinned deep in their own end of the field," said Coach Burr. "Kicker Tim Gerow and defenders Steven Grove, Kyle Jansen, Anthony Moss, and Charlie Ervin hustled on kick-offs and Tim VanNuck recovered an on-side kick."

"Our defense was outstanding once, again," Coach Burr said. "(Alpena) had only one big play and we shut them down the rest of the game. Adam Gabriel had a 43-yard touchdown interception, and a 42-yard touchdown reception on the offense. The whole team played very aggressive. Quarterback sacks by Rocky McNamara, Amber Collen, 'big' Rob Schultes, Matt McDonald, and Matt Letts kept the Alpena QB flustered and their big receivers from getting the ball."

Kyle Jensen also had a touchdown for Grayling in the match.

"This week's big stick awards go to Adam Gabriel and Matt McDonald. (McDonald) was moved to defensive end Saturday before the game due to disciplinary reasons on the team. He stepped up and played awesome."

The Redskins will host Houghton Lake on Saturday, September 21, at 4 p.m. at Redskin Field. The match will be the team's first home game of the season.

F2 Redskins fall to 3-1

The Grayling Redskins "Freshman 2" football team fell to 3-1 overall after a hard-fought 18-12 loss to the Gaylord Chargers this past weekend.

Grayling's defense continually held Gaylord to negative yardage throughout the game, but was victimized by big plays. Austin Priebe, Jeff Lashley, and Mike Davis all contributed to the defensive effort.

The Redskins marched 50 yards on their first offensive series and scored on a 20-yard touchdown run by quarterback George Bindschatel. Bindschatel also scored Grayling's second touchdown on a 25-yard run.

The Redskins had several scoring opportunities in the second half, but were unable to put the ball in the endzone.

The Freshman 2 team will host Ogemaw 1 on Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m. at Redskin Field.

Heads Up North

Vikings of the Week



Adam Kaiser



Shawn Gabriel

Varsity Football
 Coach: Scott Cousineau
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Kaiser and Gabriel each scored a touchdown in last week's game at Oscoda. Gabriel caught three passes for 82 yards, had 21 rushing yards, and also played well on defense. Kaiser had four receptions for 55 yards.

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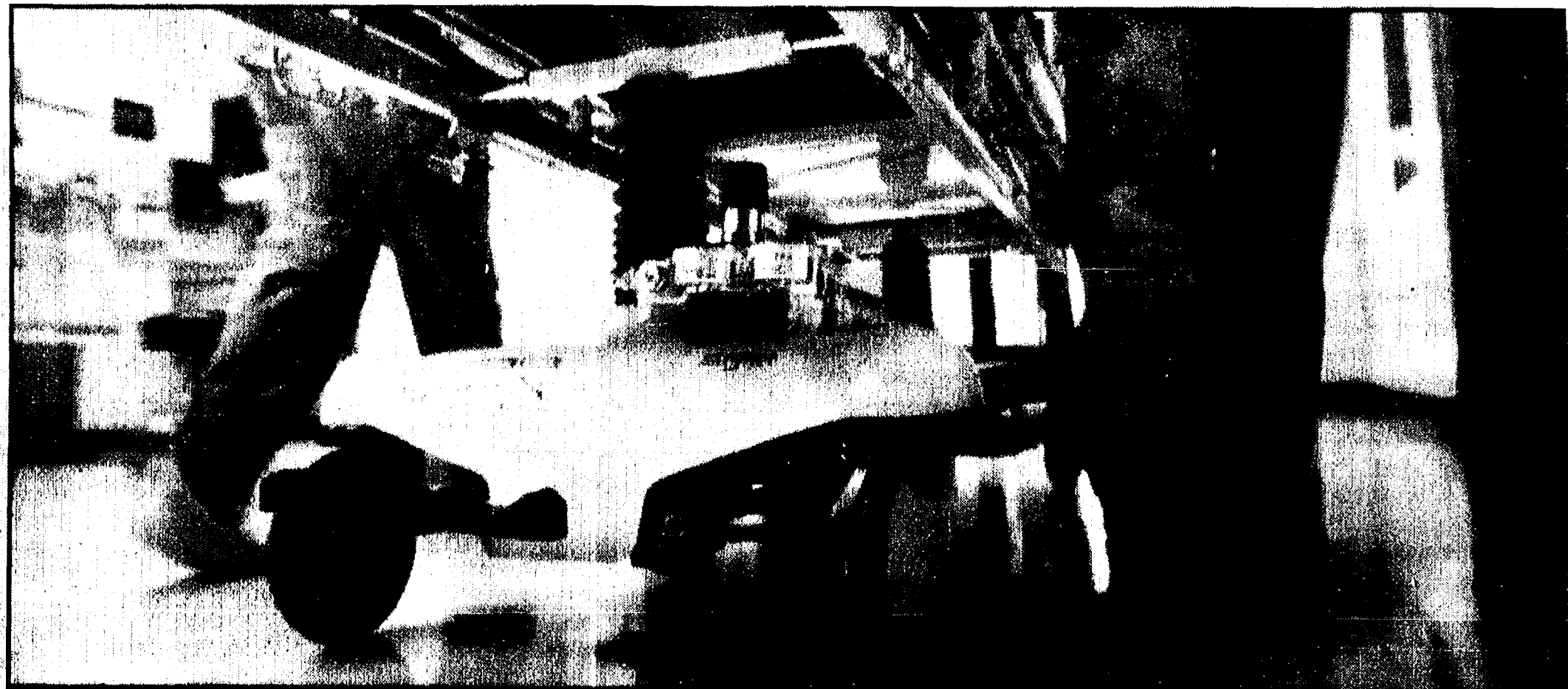
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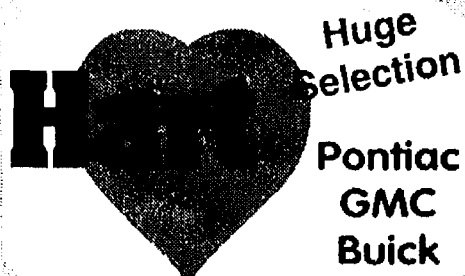
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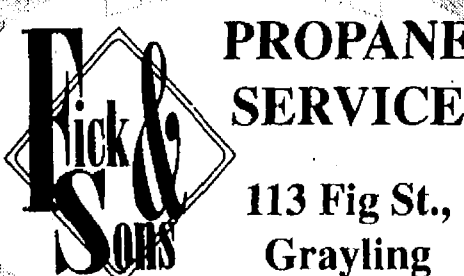
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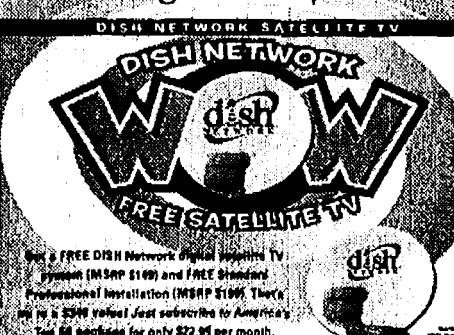
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Boy Scout Troop 979 of Grayling recently stayed at Wilderness State Park in Mackinaw City and took part in the annual Labor Day bridge walk.

During the weekend, the troop worked on swimming, first aid, search and rescue, tenderfoot, second class, cooking, and identification of plants and animals. The scouts swam in Lake Michigan.

For meals, the troop had hobo burgers, eggs, ham with pineapple, corn, and potatoes — all cooked over the fire and coals.

On September 2, everyone walked the Mackinaw Bridge, which is five miles long. This year was the 19th time Troop 979 attended the annual bridge walk.

If you are a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 and would like more information about Troop 979 and its activities, contact Scoutmaster Loren Goodale at 348-8682 or talk to any of the troop's scouts.



Photo courtesy of Herb Stephan

Boy Scout Troop 979 at Mackinaw City: (left to right) Wesley Lane, Nick Steffey, Nick Grougan, Brian Stewart, Henry Lane, Adam Malone, Dylan Nye, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Derek Smith, Brent Steffey, Tyler Steffey, and Aaron Stephan. Many scout leaders and others accompanied the troop for the weekend camp-out.

BOWLING LEAGUE

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Chicken Little Joint Pro.....	04 - 04	Hawk Ridge Golf.....	04 - 04
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Scott Pittman Builders.....	07 - 07	Hart Pontiac-GMC.....	06 - 08
Denholm Chiropractic.....	05 - 09	Legion Lanes.....	02 - 12
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Forrest Brothers.....	07 - 07	Warren Forest Products.....	06 - 08
Scheer Motors.....	05 - 09	GADCO.....	05 - 09
Helsel Forest Products.....	05 - 09	Fenton's Auto Service.....	04 - 10
High Series: P. Faustman, 650; M. Smith, 625; J. Thayer, 617.		High Game: J. Thayer, 254; M. Smith and T. Kotrash, 233.	
Triangle League			
Moshier Auto Repair.....	06 - 02		
Sawmill Tavern			
Central MI. Painting Co.....	03 - 05	Stitches by Sue.....	03 - 01
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Shady Acres.....	12 - 02	North Pure Ice.....	11 - 03
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Bill's.....	05 - 09	Dale's.....	05 - 09
Calkins Excavating.....	04 - 10	Sparks.....	02 - 12
High Series Men: D. Wallace 673; J. Meharg, 604; J. Helsel, 602.		High Game Men: D. Wallace, 247; J. Meharg, 232; J. Helsel, 225.	
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Hart Pontiac-GMC.....	07 - 01	Grayling Chiropractic.....	5.5 - 2.5
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Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of October, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W.

Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 02-6508-DE
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Date of birth: 2/3/1932
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Frances Ann Bunting-Rudas, who lived at 11696 Marber Drive,

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David E. Bunting and Toni A. Bezak, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: September 10, 2002
Toni Bezak/D. Eric Bunting
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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Crawford County Road Commission shall be changing the date of the regular Board meeting scheduled November 20, 2002 to November 21, 2002

Notice posted 09/09/02

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township residents be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on September 30, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederic Township Hall. Located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case:

2002 ZBA 005 Owner: Robert Wakeley, Petitioner
6768 North Old 27
Frederic, MI 49733
Parcel #20-032-160-000-420-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to build a garage on the property located as listed above. Variance to build closer to the lot lines than Frederic Township Ordinance allows.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P. O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8840.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp.
Zoning Administrator

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 26th day of August 2002
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Quicksilver Resources Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas, has requested one (1) nondevelopment and two (2) development with restrictions direct oil and gas leases from the State of Michigan covering the following described parcels of land lying within T25N, R04W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County:

T25N, R04W, Section 22, W 150 feet of N1/2 W1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 except the N 340 feet there-of (1.10 acres, more or less) [Nondevelopment],

T25N, R04W, Section 29, NW1/4 NW1/4 (39 acres, more or less) [Development with Restrictions]

T25N, R04W, Section 29, NE1/4 SW1/4 (40 acres, more or less) [Development with Restrictions].

Written comments from interested parties, relative to the request to lease the specified minerals, may be submitted by no later than November 1, 2002, to the Mineral and Land Management Section Manager, Department of Natural Resources, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Moshier, Wyman, Hayes, Banda.

Members Absent: Awiszus
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Joni Dunckel, Keith Kenney, Steve Langseth, Frank Eggers.

Public Hearing. None

Approval of Consent Agenda.

A. Grayling Police Report July 2002.

B. Grayling Reg. Chamber of Commerce Minutes of July 17, 2002.

C. Grayling Parks Commission Minutes of July 30, 2002.

D. 911 Activity Report for the month of July 2002.

E. Letter from Ron and Carolyn Rakoczy.

F. Industrial Park Committee Minutes July 31, 2002.

G. Industrial Park Committee Minutes August 15, 2002.

02-140

Motion by Moshier, seconded by Banda to approve the consent Agenda excluding item b. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes of August 12, 2002.

02-141

Motion by Banda, seconded by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2002 be approved as corrected. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Old Business.

A. Street Bids. City Engineer, Leonard Graf, has recommended that the City of Grayling award the street paving contract to Reith-Riley Construction Co. in the amount of \$381,688.25 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Reith-Riley Construction Co. providing they furnish the City with all the certificates of bonding and insurance required in the bid documents.

02-142

Motion by Moshier, seconded by Banda to award the bid contract to Reith-Riley Construction Co. in the amount of \$381,688.25. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

B. Industrial Park Grant. The recommendation from the Committee (Wright, Moshier & Awiszus) is for the Council to hire Langseth Engineering.

02-143

Motion by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to hire Langseth Engineering for an infrastructure feasibility study on approximately 117 acres of land adjacent to the current City Industrial Park. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

C. Building Committee. The State Administrative Board did not put us on their agenda to look at the purchase agreement for the land. Allen has a call into Representative Bradstreet's office to see if he can help speed up the process. Building plans are going well. The hold up right now is the contract with the architect; Dave Sahin is looking at getting it settled. The Council will be looking at the different possibilities of financing this project.

Adjournment.

02-146

Motion by Banda, seconded by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Michele A. Moshier

NOTICE

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

CLEAN-UP FOR DISPOSAL OF USED HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2002
MERRIO ROAD TRANSFER SITE
7:00 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 P.M.

NO BUILDING MATERIALS
NO CAR PARTS
NO APPLIANCES WITH FREON
NO YARD WASTE

YOU MUST PRESENT A CURRENT DUMP STICKER
(TEAL/SILVER IN COLOR)
OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE.

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #Z225-02 Requesting to build a 15x21 addition room on side of house away from river.

Petitioner: Richard & Margaret Schoenfeld
37043 Thinbark
Wayne, MI. 48184

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-063-011-001-040-00
Property Address: 1139 Deckrow Trail
Grayling, MI. 49738

Property Desc: BEG AT THE NE COR OF SEC 11, T26N R1W, THE N 88 DEG 44MIN W ALG SEC LINE 1325.7 FT TO CENTERLINE OF MCMASTERS BRIDGE RD; TH S 0DEG 14MIN 30SEC E ALG CENTERLINE OF SAID RD, 66FT; TH 88DEG 44MIN E 378.2 FT; TH S 0DEG 06MIN E 480.1 FT; TH S 78DEG 33MIN E 800.2 FT; TH S 1 DEG 02MIN E 187.3 FT; TH N 51DEG 53MIN E 25.1 FT; TH S 1 DEG 02MIN E 132.2 FT; TH S 88DEG 40MIN E 192 FT TO WLY BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER, TH N 0DEG 06MIN W 491.2 FT; TH N 89DEG 06MIN W 150 FT; TH N 0DEG 06MIN W ALG SEC LINE 100 FT TO POB. BEING A PART OF THE N 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OS SEC 11 & PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 12, T26N R1W.

Zoning District: RD-R

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building and Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

D. Budget Revision. Council is going to look over the proposed budget revisions before approving.

E. Water/Sewer Agreement with Grayling Township and Beaver Creek Township. Council is going to continue looking at agreement until next meeting.

F. D&K Purchase Agreement. There were some differences in agreed upon working with the original purchase agreement and revised purchase agreement. Moshier, Hayes and Keith Kenney will get together to clear up this agreement.

G. Wellhead Protection Grant.

02-144

Motion by Moshier, seconded by Hayes to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement for the Wellhead Protection Grant on behalf of the City. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

A. Hospitality House.

02-145

Motion by Banda, seconded by Hayes to give the Hospitality House sewer credit based on the estimated water loss at a rate of 75% of sewer cost decreasing 25% with each billing cycle. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

B. Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce minutes of July 17, 2002. City Manager, Allen Lowe, explained to the Council how proposed curbing and sidewalk would be brought out on Norway Street from the Museum to the Icehouse.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Tom Wellman stated that the new playground at the City Park looks nice and wanted to thank everyone who helped with the project.

Reports for ZBA, Planning Committee, Parks Committee.

a. Joni Dunckel from the Parks Committee gave an update on the new playground equipment and improvements done to the existing equipment.

Reports from Manager & Council Members.

City Manager Reports.

a. The Fire Department Committee is meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 to discuss the new fire department building.

Council Member Reports.

a. Mr. Banda would like to get clarification from the city attorney where we are, according to the past minutes, on the purchase agreement with D&K. He would also like to know what is happening with the Shoppenagon's Inn property, and if it would be a possibility to lease the parking lot for municipal parking.

b. Mr. Hayes has a sewer problem similar to that of the Rakoczy's and suggested having it investigated to see if putting in a manhole would solve these problems. He would like for the city to look into the sidewalk in front of Bobenmeyer's house on Vilas Street, if it is not on private property it is in need of repair.

c. Mr. Wyman reported on the article in 'The Emerson Review' and inquired about Mr. Moshier checking into the article's accusations.

Adjournment.

02-146

Motion by Banda, seconded by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Michele A. Moshier

City Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles L. H. Gosling and Martha L. Gosling (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 1992, and recorded on November 24, 1992 in Liber 351 on Page 363 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six and 99/100 dollars (\$47,636.99), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on October 30, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 44, 45 and 46, North Park Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Cougars 248-593-1301

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File #200226561

Cougars

-19-26-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael C. Chapin, a single man, to Pinnfund, USA, a California Corporation CHL# 603, mortgagee, dated April 24, 1999 and recorded July 16, 1999 in Liber 486, Page 116, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A. National Association as custodian, by assignment dated August 6, 1999 and recorded on December 5, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 204, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-

Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 38/100 Dollars (\$47,462.38) including interest at the rate of 10.54% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 16, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 30 and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1320.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes East along 1/8 line, 264.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 22 minutes East, 66.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 25.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 140.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes East, 287.05 feet to the centerline of the County Road, thence Southwesterly 112.37 feet along the arc of a right, said curve having a radius of 447.47 feet and a long chord bearing of South 20 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds West 112.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes West, 386.49 feet; thence North 0 degrees 22 minutes West, 270.0 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 10.0 foot access easement over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: September 12, 2002

Orates Associates PC

Attorneys for JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association as custodian f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A.

As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 244.0101

-12-19-26-3-10

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Moore and Sharlene R. Moore (Original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 2001, and recorded on April 30, 2001 in Liber 535 on Page 188 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Seven and 55/100 (\$91,377.55), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 30, 2002.

The premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 19, Shangri-La Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Stallions 248-593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File #200226678

Stallions

-19-26-3-10-17

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02 5809 CK (D)

DUANE C. LAMOTTE AND BRENDA L.

LAMOTTE, husband and wife,

plaintiffs,

v.

RANDALL LEE WOOD and CHRISTINE

LYNN WOOD, husband and wife,

Defendants.

David R. Sabin P19822

Attorney for Plaintiffs

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

989 348-5588

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Foreclosure Judgement filed August 5, 2002, directing the sale of the following described property or so much as may be necessary to raise the amount determined to be due to Plaintiffs, a sale shall be made to the highest bidder at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The sale shall be made after the Sheriff has given public notice of the time and place for said sale as required by Michigan statute and according to the course and practice of this Court. The sale of said property shall be made by or under the direction of the Crawford County Sheriff on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the West Section line distance 330.00 feet South 00 degrees 33 minutes West from the Northwest corner of said Section 34 and extending thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes East, 1313.82 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes West, 335.40 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes West, 1313.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 33 minutes East 335.40 feet along the West Section line to the Point of Beginning.

Dated: 08/26/02

Kirk Wakefield

Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff

-5-12-19-26

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SNOW PLOWING BIDS

FOR TWO YEARS 02-03 & 03-04

1 - South Branch Township Hall and Fire Department, Pioneer Refuse Site and Pioneer Cemetery Chapel. Also sanding when needed.

2 - McMasters Refuse Site, also sanding when needed.

Must have proof of Liability Insurance with Workers Compensation Insurance.

Please mark envelopes - Snow Plow Bids.

Bids due by 12:00 (noon) October 8, 2002
Opening at Board Meeting October 8, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

For information call Township Office at 275-8232.

All bids subject to Township Board Approval.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ACCEPTING BIDS

South Branch Township will be accepting bids for the Audit of Financial Statements for the year of 2002-03.

Our Funds are:

General Government - do monthly and yearly payroll taxes, W2's, 1099's and adjusted journal entries.

Ambulance
Fire
Liquor
Road
Trash

The Township has one checking and six saving accounts.

For further information please call Township Clerk and/or Treasurer at 275-8232.

For the Board,
Joe Myers, Supervisor

The board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids are due November 12, 2002 at noon. To be opened at Board meeting November 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A BUDGET HEARING AT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2002-2003 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002 AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS (8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.).

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #Z224-02 Requesting to replace existing mobile home with a manufactured home.

Petitioner: James & Carolyn Schenden
P.O. Box 400
Lakeville, MI. 48366

The above case refers to the following described property:

FACTS AND FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago September 20, 1979

A small plane was forced to make an emergency landing near the intersection of 7-Mile and Military Roads last Tuesday, September 11 because of a fuel system problem. Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the landing while repairs were made, then blocked off the road to enable the plane to take off and continue towards its destination.

The Grayling Rotary Club has had to postpone the Annual Minstrel Show this fall as the School Officials have established a policy that the school facilities will not be available to any outside group, until the full millage is approved. If the millage is approved in October and the High School auditorium is available they will try to schedule the show next spring, sometime in late April or early May.

Lake Woods Forest Products, Inc., Four Mile Road, Grayling an affiliate of Scott Paper Company has been purchased by a local group. The multi-million dollar plant which opened in 1975 is the largest industrial lumber plant in the Lake States producing 18 million board feet per year with annual sales of over \$4,000,000. AJD Forest Products will manufacture a wide variety of lumber specializing in railroad ties, landscape timbers and resawn pallet and box lumber. These products are marketed throughout the Midwest.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony taking place on Thursday,

September 20th at the new facility just completed by the Jack Millikin, Inc. The Millikin Company is moving into its new 10,000 square foot building located on North Down River Road near the Little League Baseball Field. The company has been doing excavating and general contracting since 1941 and is presently managed by President Don Millikin and Vice President Gerald Walker.

"The Big One that Didn't get Away" - Jay Stephan of Skip's Sport Shop caught a State Record Pike or Hump Back Salmon from the Carp River in the Upper Peninsula. The salmon is 21 1/2 inches long and weighs 3 pounds 3 3/4 ounces.

46 Years Ago September 20, 1956

Word has been relayed here from the Yukon Territory that Fred Bear, local archery equipment manufacturer, shot a two-year-old grizzly, probably the second bear of the species ever taken with bow and arrow by modern archers. The message was relayed here to Mr. Bear's factory by one of the guides who left the hunting expedition to return to White Horse for another hunting party.

Art Young, the father of present day archery, is believed to be the first modern archer to take a grizzly. He shot one in 1922 in the Yellowstone National Park area and it is now on display in a California museum.

Yet another new store building for "Growing Grayling" got underway

last Monday on Michigan Avenue near the corner of US-27. The building is being constructed for Emil Kraus Jr., of Detroit. Jack Richards will build the full basement while Edward Patchak is contractor for the building. The new store will be 25 by 97 feet and of fireproof cement block construction with a modern glass front. An eleven foot ceiling is planned. The estimate on the building permit, obtained from the City of Grayling, was for \$20,000 for full construction cost.

Lawrence L. Canfield, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield Jr., Richard Charles Lozon, 18, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Chester Lozon and Erwin Lyle Wales Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin L. Wales Sr. all of Grayling, have completed their Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

In the Northern Michigan Field Archers Association state meet held at Bay City Sunday, September 9th, Glen Day was winner in the Championship Class of the Men's Instinctive Division with a score of 857. He was also awarded the "Good Sportsmanship" trophy for men. Jack Jones of Grayling was winner of the same trophy in the Junior Boys competition. Mrs. Art O'Connor of Grayling was second place winner in the Novice class of the Women's Instinctive Division with a 161.

69 Years Ago September 21, 1933

The long-awaited designation of a location for Northern Michigan TB sanatorium was determined by the committee at their meeting in Lansing Tuesday afternoon, and Gaylord was the lucky city to win

the favor. That means the establishment of a TB Hospital there of about 200 beds at a cost of about \$300,000. Other sites considered were Grayling, Petoskey, Alpena, West Branch and others. The fund for the building of the hospital has accrued from the state malt tax, the legislative bill for which provided that the fund be set aside for the construction of such a hospital.

Ernest Borchers has the foundation laid for a new garage he is building on his property on Maple Street. He razed a couple of old buildings and is rebuilding with the same material and some new at the far end of his lot.

School opened in Frederic with an enrollment of 110 eager-faced boys and girls, and also an enrollment of 15 new high school students.

92 Years Ago September 22, 1910

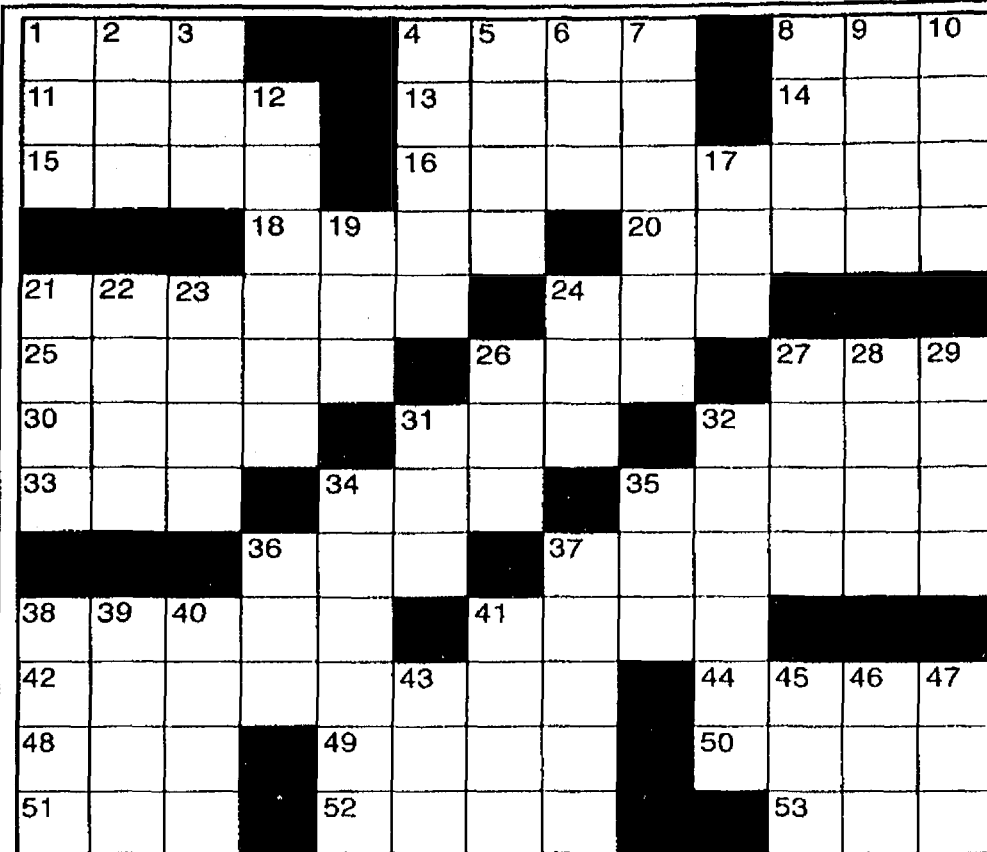
Most exciting thing on the docket is the election in November.

N.P. Olson is expected home today from a trip through Wisconsin, where he has been combining business and pleasure.

Many of our citizens are preparing to go to the Manistee County Fair.

O. Palmer and G. L. Alexander were elected delegates to the state convention to be held in Detroit October 6th, and the following named gentlemen were elected as the County Committee for the ensuing two years: T.W. Hanson, Chairman, Grayling; John J. Neiderer, Secretary, Grayling; John Hanna, Beaver Creek, James Smith, Frederic, J.J. Collen, Grayling, Joseph Charron, Maple Forest, Ira H. Richardson, South Branch.

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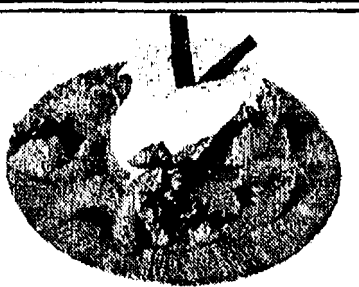
1. Joke
4. "_____ Peaks"
8. Prattler's "gift"
11. Church picture
13. City near Mauna Loa
14. Bullfight bravo
15. "Nautilus" captain
16. Prairie State
18. Toothpaste flavor
20. Pans for gold
21. 10/31 offerings
24. Curse
25. Undeveloped territory
26. Refrain syllables
27. Ghost's cry
30. Bad day for Caesar
31. Japanese coin
32. Reedlike grass
33. Golly!
34. Number of Marines sought?
35. Down-producing duck
36. Had been
37. Lucky numbers
38. Tycoon's craft
41. Take a _____!
42. Appropriated
44. Use a decorator
48. Send flowers and candy, e.g.
49. James _____ Jones
50. Space to be filled
51. Not positive: abbr.
52. Annoying to Miss Manners
53. Allowed

DOWN

1. They attend family reunions
2. Cocktail "rocks"
3. Joe DiMaggio's brother
4. Dilutes
5. Lose freshness
6. _____ Cry Tomorrow
7. Sounds
8. Err
9. Touched down
10. Mrs. Truman
12. Gypsies
17. Veto
19. "_____ All In The Game"
21. Nest-building bit
22. Go on a pony
23. "Waiting For The Robert _____" (2 wds.)
24. Chinese river
26. Ayres or Alcindor
27. Commanded
28. Foreboding
29. Thole attachments
31. Definitely!
32. Philanthropists
34. More plump
35. Mouse-in-the-house shout
36. "_____ Do You Love?"
37. Edge furtively
38. Sign of boredom
39. Bitter drug
40. Wooden shoe
41. Cow committee
43. Type of cross
45. 45 inches, in England
46. Name of anonymity
47. Slugger Mel

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



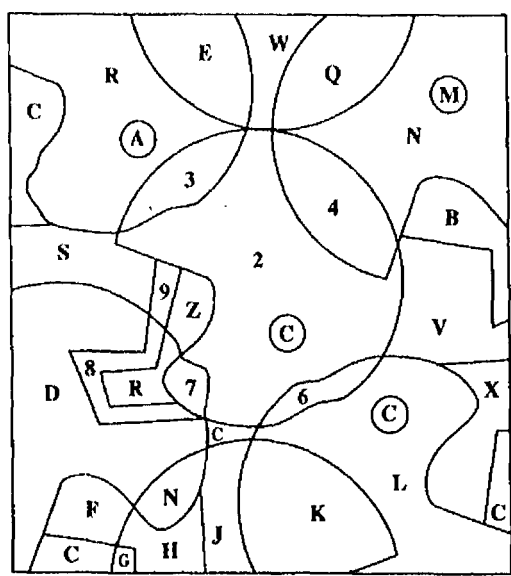
Michigan Peach Crisp

5 cups Michigan Peaches, sliced
2 tbsp. sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup quick quarter oats
1/4 cup oleo
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/2 cup nutmeats or 1 cup coconut

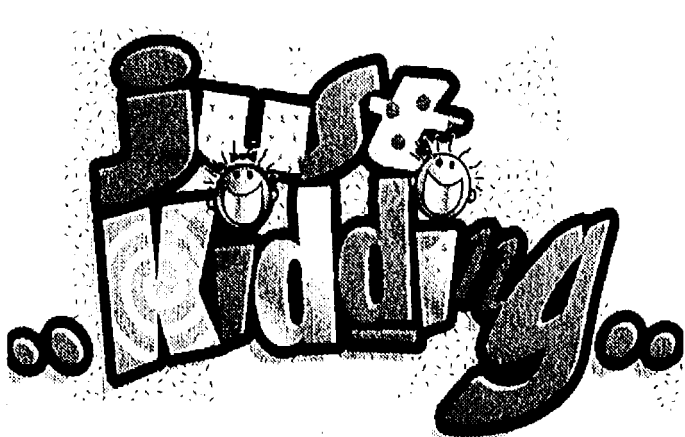
Mix brown sugar, quarter oats, oleo, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and nutmeats (or coconut) together in large mixing bowl. Combine sugar and peaches and place into an 8-inch square pan. Pour mixture on top of peaches and bake at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes.

From the Royal Oak Farmer's Market Association, Mich.,
www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/

HIDDEN PICTURE

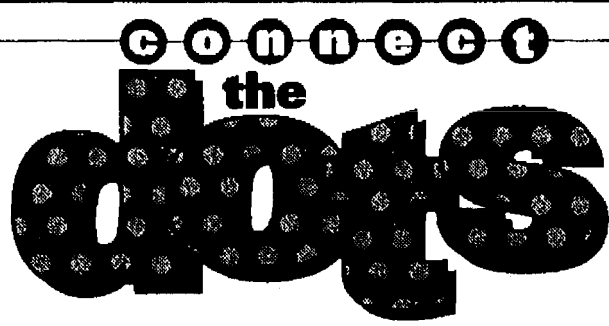


Color in each space that contains a letter.



DID YOU KNOW

No matter what anyone says, it's impossible to drink like a fish. Fish don't drink. When they take in water it passes through their gills so they can extract oxygen.



Adopt a Pet



Brute is a great dog. He is a neutered male rottweiler and is a real friendly guy. He loves to play ball and will let you take it from his mouth with no problem. He is 2 to 3 years old. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

If you are looking for a pet, now is the time to visit the Animal Shelter. All of our pets have been spayed or neutered and fully vaccinated. They will be leaving for the fall version of "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" in Detroit on September 27 to find new homes. We have many wonderful pets to choose from, so please stop in and find your new best friend. Whether a cuddly kitten... a big, friendly dog... a loveable little mutt... a mischievous (that means playful) puppy... or one of our happy adult cats, the shelter surely has the right pet for you!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of September 19, 2002



Long-distance communication may be headed your way. Be willing to make the first step to mend a relationship. The payoff could be astounding! A special plan gets the green light!



There's a lot going on in your life right now, but it will all get sorted out soon and you'll come out ahead. Be ready to move quickly when a long-awaited opportunity presents itself.



When faced with a dilemma, a friend or coworker relies on your experience. Keep an open mind and be willing to look at all sides. Travel with friends or family replenishes your mind.



You master a challenging situation and get the chance to show off your skills and abilities. You find a new solution to a problem. Be ready to tackle a home improvement project.



Now is a good time to step back and look at the big picture—see things as they really are and refuse to be swayed by others. Remember to take some time for yourself.



It's time to discuss differences of opinion with someone close to you. Deal with the present, then worry about the future. Long-distance communication gives you a big boost.



Go behind the scenes and gain insight into how everything fits together. It's a good time to step back and study your options, and then choose the best way to proceed. An outing or short trip is on the horizon.



A major purchase may be on the horizon, but be sure you have all the facts before signing on the dotted line! Past experience provides you with the answer to a current problem.



Look inside yourself for the answers to a tough question you've been pondering. Someone who admires you has been watching you and is ready to step up and tell you so.



Mixing work and play allows you to keep priorities in order and plan for the future. Be ready to reassure a friend or family member who seeks your guidance. Keep a close eye on your budget.



You can accomplish more working behind the scenes. People's authority are aware of your talents and are watching. Be open to new ideas and remember to keep exercising!



Someone who has been blocking your plans actually has your best interest at heart. Spend time alone and catch up on all the things you've put off. Remember a special person.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9/11	87	50	.04	High 73	High 73	High 67	High 68	High 66	High 71
9/12	72	41		Low 58	Low 48	Low 47	Low 42	Low 42	Low 43
9/13	77	44		PM T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms	Showers	Scattered T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms	Partly Cloudy
9/14	80	54							
9/15	78	54	.05						
9/16	68	33							
9/17	74	34							

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MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/tf/1)

6 ACRES NICELY WOODED With well, four miles south of Grayling. Must sell \$12,900. (989) 275-5507. (-12-19/1)

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1. Real Estate

BY OWNER Four bedroom home for sale. Two car garage and car port, remodeled. Call (989) 348-5587. (-19-26/1)

FOR SALE COMPLETELY REMODELED Three bedroom, two bath home in city, full basement, minutes from the hospital, bank, and doctors, nice fenced in back yard, one car garage. For appointment call evenings (989) 348-7517. (-19-26/1)

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1. Real Estate

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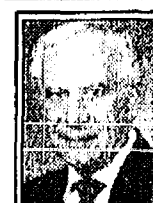
HOUSE TO RENT in Frederic. One bedroom, one bath, one car garage, no pets. \$85 per week. (989) 348-6254. (-19-26/2)

FOR RENT 2/3 bedroom, in town, large garage. Available mid September. First months rent and security deposit. 344-8185 and leave message. (-12-19-26/2)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE, two car garage, \$600 per month, first, last and security. Utilities not included. No pets. Call (989) 348-5587 (-19-26/2)

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300 FEET OF FRONTAGE on M-72 West. 989 sq. ft. main house with 836 sq ft guest house. Each with full bath, all appliances, and partially furnished. FF-1599 \$125,000

150 ft. of frontage on AuSable River. Beautiful, secluded setting only minutes from town. 3 B/R 1 bath home with large family room. Rustic interior with custom hickory kitchen cabinets, knotty pine pantry and walls. 28 X 32 heated and insulated garage with attached 10X17 workshop, also heated and insulated. FF-1589 \$141,900



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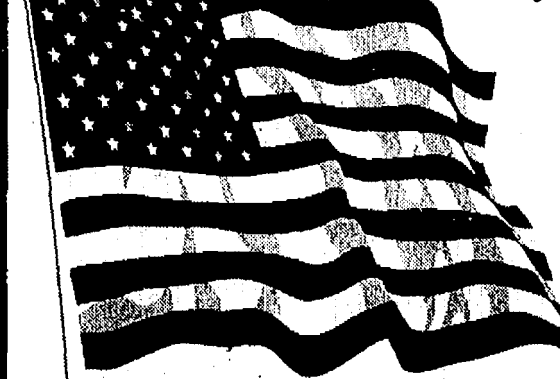
Special Feature!



Stunning log sided home features hardwood floors, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, deck, patio, covered porch and 44x49 barn. Enjoy the quiet serene setting which includes five plus acres & 185 feet of frontage on Goose Creek. \$165,000 #4961

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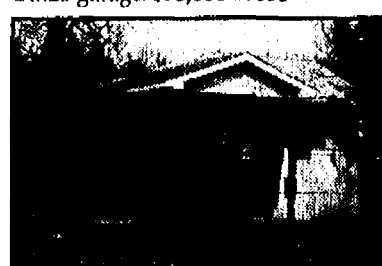
Charming cottage is turn key & ready for your enjoyment! Features a new roof in '99, oak cabinets in kitchen, new well & pump in '94, wood burner in living room w/connecting vents to both bedrooms, cathedral ceiling & Pella windows. \$49,900 #4921



Newly remodeled 4 bedroom house on 20 acres. Working farm features a hay field, 32x48 pole barn, a round pen, wood paddock & a loafing shed. Home has many updates to include dry-wall, oak cabinets, split stone gas fireplace, new well, furnace, electrical & more. \$139,900 #5023



Completely remodeled home featuring 3 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, new floor coverings, appliances, bathroom fixtures, dry wall, oak kitchen cupboards, furnace, hot water heater, vinyl thermal pane windows, vinyl siding, blown insulation in walls, R50 insulation in ceilings, in 2000-2002. 24x28 garage. \$95,000 #5033



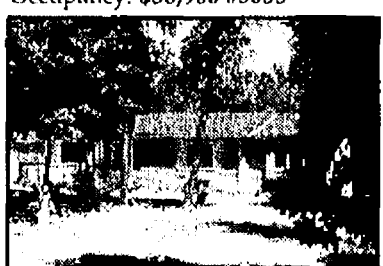
Want State land across the road from your corner lot, recreational get away? How about State land kiddy corner from you, too? Then this clean mobile is the perfect spot for you. Situated between Mio and Rose City, it is the perfect spot for four season recreational fun. \$31,500 #4947



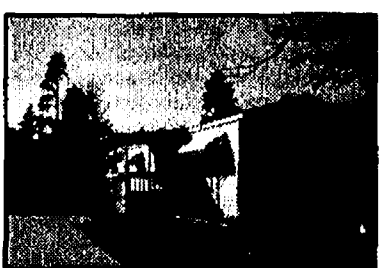
Great location, only minutes from town. This 3 bedroom home has had many updates to include house wrap & vinyl siding, vinyl windows, new roof & extra insulation to ceiling (R-40). Garage is 16x30 with the back half being utilized as a workshop. \$78,000 #5011



Reasonably priced 2 bedroom mobile home features a covered porch, 2 car heated garage and storage shed. Located 10 minutes West of Grayling, 1/2 mile from snowmobile trail. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy! \$38,900 #5035



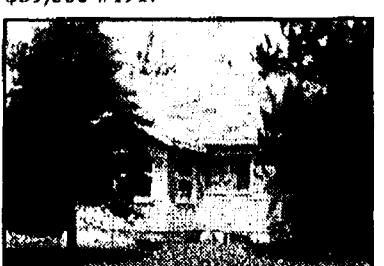
Very well maintained home built in 1999 features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master bedroom with walk-in closet, central air, drywall interior, two car attached garage, deck, blacktop driveway and extensive landscaping. \$145,000 #4999



Immaculate Home is situated on 1 & 1/2 well groomed lots. Bright home features a bathroom garden tub, bay window in the living room along with a nice dining area with built in cabinets, large covered front deck, paved driveway and a 2 car garage with electric garage door opener. \$12,500 #5018



Very clean 2-3 bedroom home/cottage located very close to state land and the Higgins Lake recreational area. Features enclosed screened porch, kitchen/dining combination and woodstove. This home has been very well maintained. \$59,000 #4917



Great location, within minutes of the AuSable River "Holy Waters." This home features knotty pine interior, rear deck, large storage shed, one and one half car garage, and plenty of room for expansion. \$65,000 #4985



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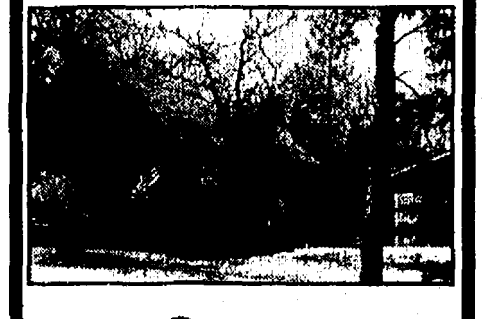
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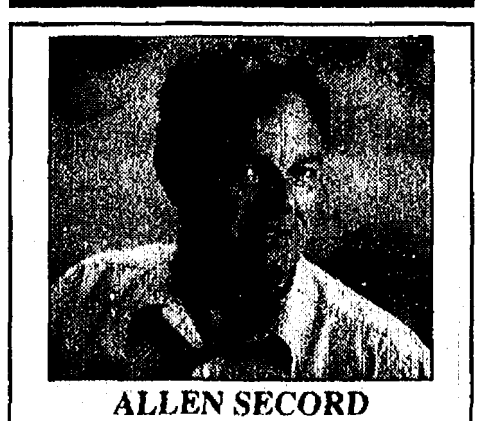
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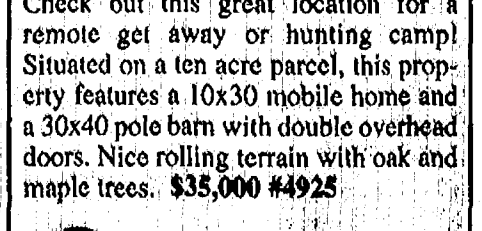
Seven acres & 150 feet on the Holy Waters of the AuSable River! Beautiful, quality built 3 bedroom home offers 2 fireplaces, walk out basement in a great, private setting. \$269,000. Home can be purchased with out the river frontage on 3.6 acres for \$169,000 #4966. Ask for Connie!



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Check out this great location for a remote get away or hunting camp! Situated on a ten acre parcel, this property features a 10x30 mobile home and a 30x40 pole barn with double overhead doors. Nice rolling terrain with oak and maple trees. \$35,000 #4925



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2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE on May Lake in Frederic. \$535 month plus deposit. (989) 348-9084. (-19-26/2)

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2. For Rent

Whispering Pines Apartments in Grayling is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Whispering Pines is an elderly community. Residents must be 62+ years of age (or handicapped or disabled of any age). Rent is based on income starting at \$315. Barrier-free waiting list available. Please call (989) 344-0020 for more information or an application. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD (800) 649-3777.

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3. Employment

RESIDENTIAL BUILDER looking for two carpenters and one laborer. Evenings (989) 275-4856, daytime cell phone (989) 429-6989. (-19-26/3)

2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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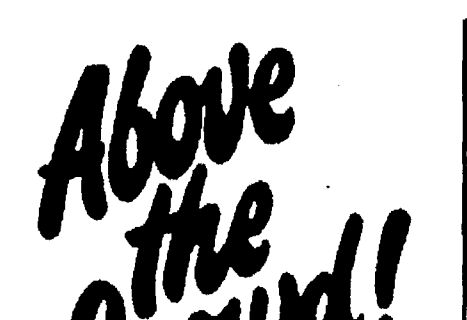
QUALITY FAMILY HOME! Very private setting just two miles from Grayling. 2,260 s.f., 4 B/R, 2 1/2 baths, kitchen w/center island, ceramic tile, Berber carpeting, rear deck, Natural Gas heat. Beautiful hardwoods, Red & White Pines offering shady setting. Sliding glass door onto rear deck. Finished bonus room above garage. Corner lot fronting Ole Dam Road and George Court. CH-1598 \$143,000



HANDY MAN SPECIAL! 3 B/R, basement, and 1 bath. All on shady lot with fenced in backyard. Updated electrical, furnace, insulation, siding, sewerline, and sidewalk. 1 1/2 car garage and workshop. 1 block to AuSable River, 1/2 block to new library, close to hospital and schools. Handy man special sold "As is". CH-1619 \$32,900



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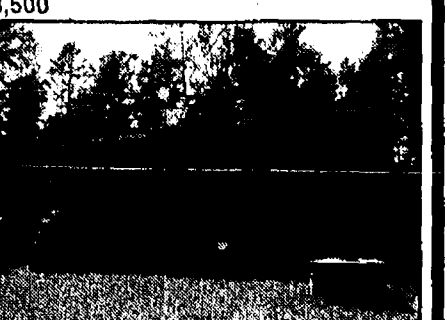
GREAT HOME OR RENTAL PROPERTY! Currently used for rental at \$450.00 monthly. 720 s.f., 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car garage, concrete drive, snow roof, cyclone fenced back yard. Shown by appointment only. LC 20% down, 10 years, \$240.00/mo. CH-1543 \$26,900



ENCHANTING WOODLAND ESTATE! Very well maintained home offers 1,080 s.f. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. Large kitchen with oak cabinets and pantry. Separate laundry room with lots of storage. 2 covered porches full length of house (back porch screened in). Manicured yard with garden area. Property offers mature white and red pines with beautiful setting. Private Road off Wakeley Bridge Rd. CS-1612 \$116,000



CHARMING CHALET nestled in the woods. Open floor plan offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room offers gas fireplace. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, trash compactor, dishwasher, stackable washer and dryer will stay with home. 2 car detached garage and storage shed. CS-1591 \$78,500



Newly Remodeled Home! Beautiful remodeled 3BR, 2 bath home with all oak doors and trim, new carpet, large closets, new bathrooms, and very clean. New 200 amp electric. Quiet neighborhood, close to state land and the Manistee River. \$69,500 #220885



EXCEPTIONALLY NICE LOCATION! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers 1080 square feet with attached garage. Living Room offers natural stone fireplace. Home has new drywall and carpet. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Cement driveway. Nice area just minutes from town. CS-1522 \$83,900



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Beautiful remodeled 3BR, 2 bath home with all oak doors and trim, new carpet, large closets, new bathrooms, and very clean. New 200 amp electric. Quiet neighborhood, close to state land and the Manistee River. \$69,500 #220885

Nice Starter Home! Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath starter home in quiet area on paved road just minutes from the golf course or shopping. Over 1 acre, many possibilities. \$39,000 #220815

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Beautifully Landscaped Home! Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with knotty pine in the kitchen, dining and living room. Extra storage shed and beautiful landscaping. Purchase of garage on adjacent lot is negotiable. \$73,900 #220343

Newer Mobile with 2.5 Acres! New 3 BR, 2 bath mobile with skylights on 2.5 acres. Close to state land and only a few miles from the AuSable River. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer and dishwasher to stay. \$47,000 #220288

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3. Employment

FULL TIME POSITION available for CDM, DTR, or RD. Long term care experience preferred. Food service supervisory and clinical experience, including the MDS process. Full benefit package. Please apply to: Attn: KNC, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (8/29/02t/f/3)

PHARMACY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST Mercy Hospital is seeking a person to assume a position as a Pharmacy Operations Specialist to perform troubleshooting and specialized operations in our hospital pharmacy. The successful candidate will have a high school diploma or equivalent Certified Pharmacy Technician (or willingness to get certified) or LPN required. 3-5 years as a Pharmacy Technician preferred. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone # (989) 348-0570. Fax # (989) 348-0485 (-19/3)

Substance Abuse Counselor - Full-time position with competitive salary and benefit package in Roscommon County. Experience in providing abuse and addiction individual, group and intensive outpatient client counseling within a managed care environment. Masters in counseling preferred with LPC, LSW, LLPC, MSW or CAC. No calls please. EOE.

Send cover letter and resume by 10/14/02 to:
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Employment Opportunities at Otsego Memorial Hospital

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- OB Staff RN (part-time, nights).
- A/P and Payroll Clerk
- Laboratory Receptionist
- Laboratory Specimen Processor
- CENA Extended Care (Contingent)
- RN, LPN, Extended Care (Contingent)
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Human Resources Department, Otsego Memorial Hospital
825 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735

e-mail: hr@gaylordhospital.org

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**3. Employment**

WANTED: Experienced Dental Assistant for all phases of General Dentistry. Call Dr. C. Thomas Riegle at Grayling Family Dentistry. (989) 348-4300 (8/15/02t/f/3)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Mercy Hospital Grayling is looking for the exceptional person to fill a position as an Administrative Assistant. The successful candidate will have a High School Diploma (or GED equivalent) with two years of college or business school preferred. Must have 3-5 previous seeing and specialized operations in our hospital pharmacy. The successful candidate will have a high school diploma or equivalent Certified Pharmacy Technician (or willingness to get certified) or LPN required. 3-5 years as a Pharmacy Technician preferred. Interested persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Grayling, Human Resources Department, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-0485 (-19/3)

3. Employment

KING NURSING CENTRE Taking applications for RN's, LPN's and CNA's. Competitive wages, 401k and benefit plan. Call 989-422-5153, or stop in and fill out an application at 2280 Tower Hill Road, Houghton Lake, or fax your resume to 989-422-6721. (-19-26/3)

HOSPITAL CODER I Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking persons for a full time position as a Coder I in our Health Information Services Department. Responsibilities include coding on all inpatient, ambulatory and outpatient records using ICD-9-CM and CPT classification system. Abstracts clinical data for use in reporting. Performs quality screens and tumor reporting, and assists with all types of record review, 1-2 years experience coding, ICD-9-CM and CPT-4 classification systems, in hospital or physician setting. RHIA/RHIT/CCS preferred. Strong computer skills are required with proficiency in data entry. Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570 Fax (989) 348-0485 (-19/3)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/PLANNING COORDINATOR, for a Homeland Security grant supported, hospital based planning project in 18 Northern Michigan counties. This is a 12 month project starting Oct. 1, 2002. Experience desired in healthcare, public safety, and/or emergency management and planning. Applications accepted until 9/27/02. Please address resume to: Mark Baranski, Director Emergency Services, Munson Medical Center, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 48686 (231) 935-6336 (-19/3)

CARPENTER OR Carpenter's Helper Wanted Must have truck. Call Bill at (989) 348-1782. (-19/3)

HOUSEKEEPING Full-time and part-time. Only serious person please. Can work on weekends. Call (989) 344-9000 Hospitality House. (-19/3)

SUPERIOR FINISHERS are looking for laborers and plasterers. Wages based on experience. Benefits offered. 348-3302. (-19-26/3)

FULL TIME UNTRASONOG- RAPHY needed at West Branch Regional Medical Center. Registry or registry eligible by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. We offer a competitive wage and benefit package. Qualified and interested candidates please mail resume to: Traci Webber, Human Resource Assistant, West Branch Regional Medical Center, 2463 S M-30, Dept. 2, West Branch, MI 48661. (-19-26/3).

4. Services Offered

COTTAGE SECURITY PATROL SERVICE now available. I will give you peace of mind that your vacation home is safe and all systems operating. Contract rates available. Twenty five years of security experience. Call (989) 348-5355 to interview. (LR10/24/02/4)

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4. Services Offered

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SIGNS AND LETTERING for business, boats, trucks, trailers, any size, any color. Call Pete Kocenas (989) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 (4/25/02t/f/4)

DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the October 14 class. Contact Howard Leghtii (989) 348-8838. (LR10/10/02/4)

MILLTOWN FENCE COMPAN- Y All types of commercial and residential fences. For free estimates, call the Fence Experts at (989) 348-9188. (LR9/26/02/4)

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OAK FIREWOOD Dry, dry, dry Barkless ready to burn. \$45 per face cord. Call anytime (989) 348-1870. (LR11/21/02/5)

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5. For Sale

FIREWOOD Mixed hardwood \$40 a cord, split and delivered. \$45 a cord stacked. Phone (989) 344-9056. (-19-26-3/5)

WOOD SWING \$85 Bench \$40. Metal bunk bed with desk on bottom \$100. 16 ft. boat with 65 h.p. motor, needs work \$1,500. O.B.O., Call (989) 348-2473. (-19/5)

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LARGE SATELLITE DISH and also a dish system. Best offer. You move. Call Gayle (989) 348-4086. (-19/5)

J. DAP HAS the latest trend! Italian Charm Bracelets! A great gift idea! Stop by soon to see them. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave. in Grayling. (-12-19/5)

15,000 LB. Fifth Wheel Slider Hitch. Must be removed from truck. \$200 (989) 348-8104 (-19/5)

CURIO OAK GLASS Lighted \$175. Table: Oak pedestal, two leaves, four chairs. \$300. Soft Tonneau cover, Sport Trac \$45. (989) 344-2482 (-19/5)

2003 SANPAN, AQUA PATIO, and Sweetwater Pontoon just arrived. In stock - boat show priced. Come in and see them. Old Point Comfort Marine, Higgins Lake. (989) 821-5692 (-5-12-19/5)

CLOSE OUT ON HONDA 25 - 40 50 & 75 h.p. four stroke outboard motors. Now is the time to repower. While they last. No dealers. Old Point Comfort Marine, Higgins Lake. (989) 821-5692 (-5-12-19/5)

5. For Sale

SPLIT RAIL FENCE CEDAR 220' \$75 (989) 348-7513/(989) 348-7746 (-19-26/5)

2-CREST PONTOON BOATS in good condition. No motors. Old Point Comfort Marine, 4629 W. Higgins Lake Dr., Higgins Lake, MI 48627. (989) 821-5692. (-12-19/5)

1991 HARRIS PONTOON with Swim Deck above - Full mooring cover. Yamaha motor. Excellent buy. Old Point Comfort Marine, 4629 W. Higgins Lake Dr., Higgins Lake, MI 48627. (989) 821-5692. (-12-19/5)

ANTIQUE WOOD BOAT Century Sabre w/ Interceptor 390 cubic inch Ford Block on original trailer. Must see! In great condition. Old Point Comfort Marine, 4629 W. Higgins Lake, MI 48627. (989) 821-5692. (-12-19/5)

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7. Miscellaneous

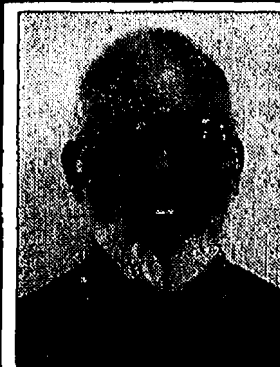
4 X 8 Lighted Signs and or tables and chairs for special occasions. Trash barrels for sale at Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295. (7/25/02t/f/7)

11. Automotive

NOTICE

CUETER'S AUTO AND TIRE HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS. THERE WILL BE A SHOP SALE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2002. EVERYTHING MUST GO. ALL SHOP EQUIPMENT AND INVENTORY.

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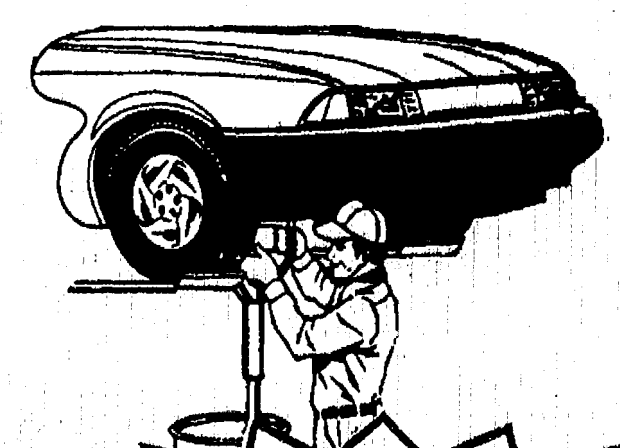
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8. Announcements

MISSING: YELLOW TIGER CAT Ole Dam Rd. area. (989) 348-5733 (-19/7)

\$200 REWARD No questions asked for return of extremely sentimental necklace. 16" gold chain, charm with blue star in center with precious stones and bow. Lost at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Call (989) 942-6512. (-12-19-26/7)

8. Announcements

SEEDLINGS & TRANSPLANTS Northern White Cedar; Douglas Fir; Jack, Red and White Pine; Blue, White and Norway Spruce. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District (989) 275-5231, CRAFT Center, 606 Lake Street, Roscommon. (-12-19-26/3/8)

8. Announcements

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW, Saturday, October 12 at Grayling Elementary/Primary School from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food available. Admission \$1. For more information call Sherry (989) 348-9564. (LR10/10/02/8)

HALL RENTAL - ALL OCCASIONS Seats 50 to 350. Fish fry first Friday of every month, all you can eat fish and wing dings, \$7 adults, \$4 children, cash bar. Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 604 Norway St., Grayling. (989) 348-2929. (-12-19-26/8)

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS for winter boat storage inside Old Point Comfort Marine. Higgins Lake. (989) 821-5692 (-5-12-19/8)

8. Announcements

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02/7/8)

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8. Announcements

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday Sept. 11 - Sept. 14 Kung Fu Diesel, Sept. 18 - Sept. 21 Back Talk, Sept. 25 - Sept. 28 Denny Luce. Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-12-19-26/8)

10. Garage Sales

DEALS DEALS DEALS II September 21, 9-5 p.m., September 22, 10-2 p.m. 100 S. Roberts Rd., Grayling. Kids and adult clothes, shoes, gas range, ten speed bikes, Cal king bed with standard mattress. Some baby items. Lots of toys, odds and ends. Be there! (-19/10)

10. Garage Sales

MOVING SALE Little bit of everything. Take 27 to Frederic. Turn right on May Lake Rd., second drive on right. Follow signs. Friday (20), Saturday (21), and Sunday (22). (-19/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday thru last weekend in September. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Excavating - cement equipment and assorted tools of trade. Major equipment items including Case Drott excavator, concrete saws, etc. Also household items. M-72 East to McMasters Bridge Rd. 4 1/2 miles north to 11313 Red Pine Drive, turn right one and 1/8 miles, follow signs. (-12-19-26/10)

BARN SALE Friday, Saturday, 20 and 21, 9-5. Left off Wilcox Bridge at Jones Lake Rd. (-19/10)

10. Garage Sales

6346 KENSINGTON 20 and 21, 9:00-3:00 Lots of baby items for sale: crib, changing table and clothes, have lots of adult clothes and miscellaneous items. (-19/10)

GARAGE SALE 6937 Hartwick Pines Rd., Saturday and Sunday, 9:00-5:00. Tapes, cassette and 8-tracks, movies, all kinds, house appliance, furniture, some tools, tomatoes, pumpkins. (-19/10)

MOVING-IN SALE Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20, 21 and 22. '87 cargo van, '93 Honda CBR600F2, full-size sofa, twin beds, table saws, 20" Missy Mongoose and lots more. Take M-72 west of Grayling to Sigma Rd. (Chuck's Country Store) go south three miles to Sigma Ave., turn left 1/4 mile. (-19/10)

GARAGE SALE 7515 Gabriel St., Frederic. VHS movies, tools, clothes, miscellaneous. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 9-5 p.m. (-19/10)

11. Automotive

1993 FORD AEROSTAR AUTO Old transmission, four wheel drive with 4.0 liter V-6 engine with commercial utility package. Asking \$3,850 (231) 258-8465, ask for Bob. (-19/11)

CAR FOR SALE 1994 Mercury Sable, four door, cruise, air, CD player. \$2,800. (989) 348-7647 days and (989) 348-9698 evenings. (9/19/02/7/11)

1999 DODGE INTREPID Excellent condition. Candy apple red. 74,000 miles. \$9,000. Call (989) 348-5639 after 6 p.m. (8/29/02/7/11)

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FOR SALE 1991 CHEVY 3/4 ton with utility box, \$2,800. (989) 348-6254. (-19-26/11)

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